An Open Letter To Mr. John D. Biggers

"No Record Smashing Year For Plaskon Workers"

Mr. John D. Biggers, President
Libbey-Owens-Ford Glass Co.
Toledo, Ohio

Dear Mr. Biggers:

A group of us striking Plaskon workers just got through talking about your financial statement to the stockholders of our Company and to the general public. Incidentally, I say "our Company" because, in a sense, we feel that we, too, made at least a small contribution to make your record-smashing year possible even though at the moment you and your fellow officers consider us pretty much like unwanted orphans.

But, to get back to the point, I want you to know that all of us striking Plaskon workers appreciate that the net profit of $20,985,001.00 that our Company earned last year is certainly nothing to sneeze at. The net profit for 1948 of $14,207,338.00 was a corker, too. You see, Mr. Biggers, it makes us striking Plaskon workers a bit envious when we realize that in the short space of only two years time, our Company earned the magnificent sum of $35,192,339.00. That's a lot of money, Mr. Biggers.

It is our opinion also, Mr. Biggers, that the stockholders of our Company—some 17,985 of them owning a total of 2,557,901 shares between them—ought to be well satisfied. And we believe they are satisfied since year after year they have been getting fat dividends from our L-O-F.

L-O-F Very Profitable

Of course, we realize Mr. Biggers that 1948 and 1949 were not the only profitable years that you, as L-O-F president, can boast of. Just to make sure on this account I did a little checking and I know what I'm talking about.

For example, way back in the "roaring twenties"—1927, 1928 and 1929 to be exact—your net profit came to about $8.5 million. True enough, in 1931 and 1932 you took a plunge and went into the hole to the tune of $1,995,133. But you quickly made that up when in 1933 you came back with a net profit of $4,200,542. And since that time, with the exceptions of the war years when you had to pay the surplus profits tax to Uncle Sam, you've been on the upgrade.

To illustrate this point a bit, in 1945 you showed a net profit of only $3,165,949. But in the following year of 1946 you hiked this by more than 100% to the tune of $6,308,487. In 1947 you did much better. During that year you jumped to a net profit of $11,173,076. I have already cited your figures for 1948 and 1949 so I don't have to repeat them. But, you must admit, those were, indeed, handsome returns on your invested capital.

Net Earnings Pay For L-O-F Many Times Over

The figures I checked on our Company shows that in 1932 that total assets of L-O-F amounted to $33,056,710. You see, Mr. Biggs, in 1948 and 1949 alone your net earnings amounted to almost $2 million more than our Company was worth in 1932.

However, I know that 1932 was a bad year. So, let us take a later year. In 1945—just five years ago—the total assets of our Company was $57,087,689. Even if we take that figure, Mr. Biggers, your net earnings for '48 and '49 was well over 50% of your total assets. I suppose your total assets today are somewhat higher. But even than, the earnings of our Company is very respectale, to put it mildly.

What About The Workers?

All these figures, naturally enough, make our heads swim. Most of us never realized how wealthy our Company is. How could we? After all, Mr. Biggers, our earnings—speaking of the Plaskon plant—do not reflect the same kind of increases. Especially if we take into consideration the cost of living.

As you well know, with the exception of some of our skilled maintenance workers, our production people earn wages ranging anywhere from $1.37½ per hour to $1.67 per hour. In these days of high prices, high rents and everything else, Mr. Biggers, that isn't much.

But to make it worse, despite the incredibly successful years of our Company, you even want to take part

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Plaskon Co. Walks Out On Contract Negotiations

Union Awaiting Word To Renew Talks On Issues

Pickets On 24 Hour Duty At Both Plants

The management of the Plaskon Company walked out on negotiations which were being held last Monday, it was announced by Felix Szyanski, chairman of the Unit, which is affiliated with Local 12, UAW-CIO.

The issues in the strike since Jan. 30 are premium pay for Saturday and Sunday the rotation of shifts, dressing period and an "adequate pension plan."

No Progress

The Unit chairman said that no progress has been reached on negotiations. The Plaskon Company seeks to eliminate the premium pay and insists on rotating shift, and wants to eliminate the dressing period and differential hourly pay for second

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Pressed Steel Skilled Group To Meet Mar. 18

Skilled workers at the Toledo Pressed Steel plant will meet with the northwestern Ohio Skilled Trades Council on Mar. 18 at 10 a. m. in room 421 at Local 12, 425 Winthrop St.

Frank Johnson, president of the Council said it is important that the executive committee attend this meeting inasmuch "as we have arranged to have an International Representative from Brother Gosser's staff of the International Skilled Trades Department, to talk on problems of skilled groups." He added that the Representative assigned by Richard Gosser, International UAW-CIO Vice President will suggest remedies for existing problems.

AWBC Meets Tomorrow

To Be Held In Local 12 Hall

The annual membership meeting for the members of the Automotive Workers Building Corporation will be held at 2 p. m. on Saturday, (tomorrow) March 11 in Parlor A at Local 12, UAW-CIO 425 Winthrop St.

The meeting is for nominations and election of officers of the AWBC and consideration of amendments to the code of regulations and articles of incorporation of the AWBC, and the acquiring of additional acreage for the retirement farm and other business which may come before the members at this meeting.

Unions Solid Against Robertson Labor-Curb Bill

WASHINGTON (LPA)—Representatives of the AFL, CIO and Rail Brotherhoods all testified against the Robertson-Hoffman bill to subject unions to the anti-trust laws. The measure would put the federal courts right back in the business of breaking strikes, they argued, and government by injunction would replace collective bargaining.

BLADE LIES

The Toledo Blade, Toledo's only daily afternoon newspaper, stated in one of their editorials recently that the Toledo Union Journal published a story announcing that the Plaskon strikers will hit the bricks until they win an "Adequate Pension Plan" actually before the workers voted on it at a meeting. To the Toledo Blade, The Union Journal issues a challenge to prove that statement. It is a bare faced lie and faulty reporting because the story was not written and submitted to the printer until 1 p. m. on that day which was exactly one hour and fifteen minutes after the meeting was adjourned. The Union Journal is printed regularly every Thursday morning but on that particular Thursday, the day of the meeting, the Journal did not go on the press until in the middle afternoon.

Union Journal

Inquiring Reporter

The Union Journal Inquiring Reporter this week interviewed members of Tillotson Carburetor Unit of Local 12, UAW-CIO. The question again is "What is your opinion of the Pension Plan?"

Here are the answers of the six members interviewed:

GUST RAITZE, General Maintenance: "A worker having 20 years of service is entitled to a decent security. Not only that but it also would make possible jobs for younger men who now are running the streets looking for a job. The pension plan in Toledo is the answer to future security and will make available jobs for the younger generation. To me it is security not only for us older workers but for the younger men who all should be for it, too, because it will fit into their shoes when they get older."

Eleanor Baily Gust Raitze

ELEANOR BAILY, Inspector: "The age limit should be lowered to 50 or 55 for women and 60 for men. I like the area pension plan and particularly the clause which states that in case a person changes employment the years of working credit can be taken along. It simply is fine because a worker when changing employment would not have to start all over again for pension credit."

SOPHIE LASKY, Assembler: "The age limit is too high and I think retirement at 60 for men and 50 for women would be reasonable. The plan suits me fine and we should not give up until it is granted to the workers."

Sophie Lasky Tillie Peterson

TILLIE PETERSON, Assembler: "We should all carry the fight with the Plaskon workers and support them as much as we possibly can because after all they are fighting our battle too. That shouldn't be forgotten by us workers. I would like to see the pension plan on a national pattern."

DOLORES MORELAN, Assembler: "The age limit is too high. I believe many women are forced to quit before having 20 years of service and reaching the age limit of 65. It would be a break for many of the women who are forced to work by being a widow or to support invalid husband or members in a family."

Dolores Morelan Frank Raabe

FRANK RAABE, in charge of Automatic Department: "I have worked for 33 years in this plant and believe it is too long for a person to work. The pension plan should call for age limit of 60 years for retirement and working credit lowered to 20 years. I would say, have retirement compulsory at 65 but to make it a worker has to have security and a right to live decently. But, who can do it under the present Federal Social Security Benefits. It also would make possible jobs for many good men who are forced to stay at home due to lack of jobs."

ULC All-Out For Registration Drive

8 More Local 12 Units Elect Officers For 1950

Others Have Scheduled Elections This Month To Be Held In Local

Eight Units, affiliated with Local 12 have officially submitted election results this week to Howard Seren, President of Local 12, UAW-CIO.

Having completed balloting are Peerless Molded Plastics, Superior Spinning, Burt Foundry, DeVilbiss, Ransom & Randolph, Air-Way, Acklin Stamping and E. W. Bliss, plant 2.

Peerles Plastic

Peerless Molded Plastic Unit named Walter Boggs, chairman and Harold Olsen, vice chairman. David Amer is secretary and Glen Estes is treasurer.

Named to the committee at large are Ruth Stump, Al Tucholski and Al Pacer.

Superior Spinning

Heading Superior Spinning & Stamping is Al Wolfinger. Myrtle LaForge is vice chairman. Mary Miller is secretary and Chester Davenport, treasurer.

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State CIO Also Maps Campaign

Registration For May Primary Closes Mar. 22; Board Of Election To Remain Open To 9 P. M.

(State CIO Story on Page 2)

The United Labor Committee, representing all segments of labor in Toledo and area, will concentrate on a drive to have all eligible union members register to vote, it was announced by Co-chairmen Charles Ballard and Frank Fischer. Mr. Ballard is Director of Region 2-B UAW-CIO and Mr. Fischer is President of the Central Labor Union, AFL.

Out To Sideline Taft

The register to vote drive is aimed primarily to sideline Senator Taft, co-author of the notorious Taft-Hartley Act Mr. Ballard said, It is up to labor and the ULC to prove that working people are against Taft for his reactionary position against labor.

He said that all shop union officers will be contacted and asked to make a survey in their plants on how many of the workers are not eligible to vote unless they register. A campaign will then be launched to have every eligible voter registered before the registration deadline on March 22.

Conduct Survey

Mr. Ballard said he was informed that Kenneth DeLong, Manager of the Toledo Joint Board, Textileleather Union, CIO, is now awaiting arrangements to be made with the Board of Elections to check the registration of their members. The membership, Mr. DeLong reports, are divided in a card system by Ward and Precinct.

The Board of Election offices will be open to 9 p. m. on the last four days of registration on March 18, 20, 21 and 22. Up to those last four days the Board of Elections office at 217 Superior Street is open to 4:30 p. m. on week days and to 12 p. m. on Saturdays.

All workers living in Townships in Lucas County must register to vote it was announced.

Willys Unit Top Officers Unopposed For Re-Election

Annual Balloting To Be Held On March 17-18 At Local Headquarters

Members of Willys-Overland Unit of Local 12, UAW-CIO gave recognition to their top officers for fine work in assuring the re-election for the 1950 term. All are unopposed for re-election.

Homer Avery, chairman will be named to his seventh term at the election to be held on March 17 and March 18 at Local 12 Hall, 425 Winthrop St.

Ray Wale is incumbent vice-chairman, Dave Seretsky, secretary and Gus Schwachenwalde, treasurer.

Cousino Unopposed

Also unopposed for reelection are Bob Cousino, welfare chairman, Loretta Schillinger, secretary of welfare and Andy Jones, vice-chairman.

Several candidates will seek the position of entertainment chairman; vice-chairman and secretary.

Declination date for the position of executive committee members and other contested offices has been set for Friday (tonight) midnight. Incumbents on the executive committee are Tommy Gray, Stanley (Rocky) Rokicki, Claude Nadeau, Roy Sautter, George Teatsorth, Leroy (Casey) Stengel, Bob Seger, Charles Kahle and Pat Linthicum.

NLRB Continues To Probe Charges By UAW-CIO In Auto-Lite Lockland Plant

Seven weeks after the run-off election was held, NLRB Field Agents continue to probe charges hurled by the UAW-CIO Auto-Lite Department against the company-favored Lampworkers Collective Bargaining Association, and the Electric Auto-Lite Company, at Lockland, Ohio.

UAW Vice-President Richard Gosser, Director of the Auto-Lite Department, ordered the filing of charges after a conference over the affidavits and evidence acquired by the UAW-CIO Auto-Lite office immediately after the run-off election on January 6, 1950. UAW-CIO charged company-domination of the Lampworkers Association, and interference in the election.

UAW Won First Election

On the first election held on December 16, 1949, the UAW-CIO rolled over the I. A. M. and the Metal Trades A. F. L. but fell short of a majority, trailing the Lampworkers 560 to 749. I. A. M. polled 215, and the Metal Trades A. F. L. got 117. In the four-way fight, 112 votes were challenged, most of whom were foremen and supervisors boldly assisting the favored Lampworkers.

In the second election, right after the Christmas and New Year holidays, forces within the A. F. L. and I. A. M. joined with company subordinates and the company-favored Lampworkers to defeat the UAW-CIO 1111 to 680. Some rival union people within two other units of the plant, although not a part of the election, were passively assisting the Lampworkers in the final election. One unit was the maintenance unit of about 225 people under the I. A. M.; the other was the polishing, buffing and plating unit, under the A. F. L. Metal Polishers Union, with about 600 people.

149 voters were challenged in the run-off, indicating the bitterness of the fight that reached its climax in the final election.

Wholesale Charges

The Lampworkers made wholesale challenges of about 100 known UAW-CIO front-line supporters, including key-people and even the UAW-CIO elec-

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Box Donations For Plaskon Strike Benefit And Pension Publicity Fund

UNIT	Previous Total	Wk. End. 3/4/50	Total To Date
Acklin	$ 431.37	$ 93.13	$ 542.50
Acme Spec.	31.44	None	31.44
Airway	40.52	None	40.52
Am. Brake	3.27	None	3.27
Am. Floor	13.90	3.14	17.04
Assoc. Prod.	28.98	7.00	35.98
Auto-Lite	38.79	36.57	75.36
Ayling	58.05	10.17	68.22
Banting	None	None	None
Baron St.	4.15	2.07	6.22
Bingham	378.53	99.50	478.03
Bliss, E. W.	218.26	100.00	318.26
Buckeye Pt.	27.69	6.00	33.69
Burt Fdy.	58.56	18.25	76.81
Butcher-Hart	106.80	33.50	140.30
Buddies	None	None	None
Champion	478.81	91.02	569.83
City Mach.	60.12	20.69	80.81
Col. Burner	10.47	3.07	13.54
Donkey G. E.	2.95	None	2.95
Comm. Box	None	None	None
Laney Foundry	None	None	None
Darling	None	None	None
DeVilbiss	165.82	100.49	266.31
Dupont	None	None	None
Ensign	6.85	10.00	16.85
Formed St.	15.35	None	15.35
Ft. Pitt	None	None	None
Herman Fuel	None	None	None
Home Maid	None	None	None
Ind. Heat	48.05	25.95	74.00
Int. Harv.	2.22	None	2.22
Jones, S. M.	26.35	6.51	32.86
J. & L. Unit	57.58	22.00	79.58
Keller Pen	None	None	None
Laclede	27.09	6.35	33.44
Lakeside	69.31	None	69.31
Martin-Parry	70.97	34.71	105.68
Mather	154.45	40.77	195.22
Nat. Supply	271.32	105.34	376.66
P. M. Plastic	30.31	3.65	33.96
Peters	48.50	60.00	108.50
Pioneer	None	None	None
Pipe Threading	27.24	9.52	36.76
Plaskon	81.67	None	81.67
Pressed St.	35.96	10.21	46.17
Ransom-Rand	20.70	2.32	23.02
Rathbun-Jones	42.37	9.85	52.22
Save Elec.	None	None	None
Slater Sys.	None	None	None
Spicer	3.70	170.00	173.70
Spicer Off.	None	25.00	25.00
Std. Comm.	31.48	6.57	38.05
Std. Tool Die	None	None	None
Superior Sp.	3.96	.76	4.72
Surf. Comb.	118.86	25.82	144.68
Swartzbaugh	167.91	71.00	238.91
Tillotson	100.43	19.25	119.68
Tol. Casting	13.66	4.47	18.13
Tol. Met. Furn.	104.78	None	104.78
Tol. Porc.	67.56	19.50	87.06
Tol. Scale	137.75	23.71	161.46
Tol. Stamping	24.44	None	24.44
Tol. St. Tube	119.36	32.00	151.36
Tol. Wire Prod.	20.00	5.00	25.00
Victor	4.94	1.32	6.26
Watson	None	None	None
Welever	9.81	1.21	11.02
Wilk, Abe	None	None	None
Willys	3,689.04	1,200.85	4,889.89
York Fdy.	None	None	None
Local 11	100.00	None	100.00
Local 14	100.00	None	100.00
A. P. Parts	79.71	5.17	84.88
Atlas Bronze	4.31	None	4.31
Bunting	34.62	None	34.62
Chevvy	None	12.29	12.29
Kent-Owens	10.22	None	10.22
Marleau	1.20	1.15	2.35
Mayle Mfg.	None	None	None
Rauh	5.51	3.40	8.91
T. M. T.	234.55	76.82	311.37
Local 16	160.70	50.00	210.70
Local 48	None	None	None
Doehler 1058	889.84	None	889.84
Schultz 1064	None	None	None
Local 9 Glass	None	None	None
Textile	None	25.00	25.00
Clothing Wkrs.	None	None	None
Brew. Wkr. 60	None	None	None
Brew. Wkr. 257	None	None	None
Oil Wkr. 346	100.00	None	100.00
Steel Wkr. 1897	None	None	None
Steel Wkr. 2002	None	None	None
USA 4180	None	None	None
Utility 349	None	None	None
Off. Wkrs. 29	None	None	None
Food-Tob. 297	None	None	None
P'king Hse. 65	None	None	None
News Guild	None	None	None
RR Wkrs. 1516	None	None	None
Paper Wkr. 185	None	None	None
Optical 1123	None	None	None
Local 12 Meet.	70.22	None	70.22
Policy Mtg.	95.38	None	95.38
Office Girls	48.61	21.00	69.61
Bldg. Maint.	None	None	None
Strike Kitch.	141.33	32.51	173.84
Reps.	89.00	14.00	103.00
J. Chapman	3.00	1.00	4.00
Re-Deposit	6.63	1.00	7.63
Int'l Union	None	460.00	460.00
Local 105	40.00	None	40.00
Local 106	1258	None	12.58
Local 446	12.00	None	12.00
Local 533	25.91	None	25.91
Local 493	26.46	None	26.46
Local 497	37.64	None	37.64
Local 619	6.42	None	6.42
Local 638	50.00	None	50.00
Local 711	337.65	None	337.65
Local 827	131.36	None	131.36
Armour	1.00	None	1.00
Local 914	100.00	None	100.00
Local 975	100.00	None	100.00
Bakery Wkrs. AFL	1.00	None	1.00

Income Week Ending 3/4/50 ..... $3,281.58
Previous Total $10,884.75
Total Collected To Date $14,166.33

Expenses Week Ending 3/4/50
Direct Relief (Fuel, Groceries, Insurance, Utilities, etc.) $9,696.26
Publicity (Advertising, Pamphlets, Radio, etc.) $38.25

Previous Expenditures $21,781.46
Total To Date (Expenditures) $31,515.99
Deficit $17,349.66

Open Letter To J. Biggers

of those earnings away from us. In our last contract, as you well know, we agreed that for Saturday and Sunday work you shall pay us overtime pay at the rate of time-and-one-half and double time respectively.

Now you say that you want to take that away from us.

Furthermore, in our last contract you also agreed to pay us a shift premium—for the second and third shifts—of five cents per hour. That, too, you want to take away from us.

But that isn't all. For all practical purposes your Plaskon Management disregarded our entire grievance procedure. When a worker had a beef and he wanted to take it up with your representatives—and this included our elected officers and stewards — you refused to pay them for the time they spent on these grievances. The fact that all these things were supposedly guaranteed us in our contract made no difference to your people.

For all practical purpose, you treated our contract like a "scrap of paper."

All this, Mr. Biggers, when our Company was making profit hand-over-fist. How can you explain these things to anyone? In fact, Mr. Biggers, how can you explain this to your own conscience?

We Shall Carry On, Mr. Biggers

I've already said more than I intended to, Mr. Biggers. So, I'll close by telling you that our people are angry. We know that we can't look forward to any record-smashing years insofar as our wages are concerned. We know that we'll have a helluva time hanging on to what we were able to wrangle out of you two years ago, but we do want you to know this: all of us are convinced that ours is a just fight both for our pension plan, but especially to maintain what we have gained for ourselves in the past.

And, Mr. Biggers, even if we have to go hungry —something that you yourself cannot possibly understand since you've never been hungry—we shall carry on this fight to a victorious conclusion. There is no alternative for us.

This is our pledge to you, Mr. Biggers. A pledge that stems from our misery and our bitterness.

It is hard for us ordinary folks to understand, Mr. Biggers, how you can fight us for the few lousy pennies involved when our Company is able to report such phenomenal profits.

Very truly yours,
Felix Szymanski, Chairman,
Plaskon Unit, Local No. 12, UAW-CIO
425 Winthrop St.
Toledo, Ohio

NLRB Continues To Probe Charges By UAW-CIO In Auto-Lite Lockland Plant

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tion observers. All factory production checkers, whom the UAW-CIO fought for before the NLRB to become a part of the production unit — were challenged by the Lampworkers. About 50 were involved. The Lampworkers and the Auto-Lite company both objected to the checkers becoming a part of the production unit, but the National NLRB ruled in favor of the position taken by the UAW-CIO.

The Lampworkers were assisted on election day by the participation of about 30 foremen and supervisors in the election. These company subordinates, some of whom were challenged by the Board, led their respective departments into the polling area to vote. Since the election, other acts of company-interference have gradually come to light.

Investigated Statements

The UAW-CIO Auto-Lite Department promptly investigated the statements of employees who took part in the election and filed objections. Many other charges filed by UAW-CIO are presently being sifted by the Board. From the militant UAW-CIO supporters within the plant a total of about 30 affidavits were obtained and filed, with a total of about 70 separate depositions supporting the UAW-CIO charges.

Because of the great number of people desiring to be represented by a bona-fide trade labor union, UAW-CIO Vice-President Richard Gosser, Director of the Auto-Lite Department, is supporting these people wholeheartedly. The Auto-Lite Department is going to fight to the last ditch at Lockland in order to give these people a full opportunity to become organized in a real union and enjoy the benefits and privileges which only the UAW-CIO can obtain for them. William Grober is in charge of organizing in the Auto Lite plant being assigned to that job by Mr. Gosser.

Cartels Divide Territory And Fix Prices

WASHINGTON (LPA) — Cartels is the European term for monopolies. Under the cartel system, which the State Department is opposing, but which a Federal Trade Commission official has apparently been tolerating, producers in various countries get together to divide up sales territory and fix prices.

Many American companies engaged in deals with the foreign cartels before the war designed to give them control over prices and production in this country. Among the big companies which engaged in such deals were Standard Oil of New Jersey, General Electric, and duPont.

8 More Units Elect Officers

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DeVilbiss Unit

Robert Adams was elected chairman of DeVilbiss Unit with Paul Kesler taking over as vice chairman and Edmund Kanney as secretary.

Elected to the committee are Harry Henry Heldt Sr., Bent F. Newcomer, Charles Leiter, Robert Dugai, Henry Madden, Walter Brown and Merle Todd.

Burt Foundry

Edward Jastszenski is chairman of the Burt Foundry Unit. Walter Pluto is vice chairman and Arthur Mull, secretary.

Committeemen are Jack Sullivan and Earl Randall.

Ransom & Randolph

The Ransom & Randolph Unit elected Edgar Price chairman and Richard McCarthy, vice chairman. Lucille Muszynski again serves as secretary and Pauline Toth as treasurer.

Leo McHue was named to the committee at large along with Dwight Earl.

Air-Way Unit

Air-Way Unit elected Ferdinand Ladriere their chairman and John Burtscher as vice chairman. Helen Reed is in again as secretary.

On the committee are Zigmund Lapinski, James Dennis, Leland Degood and Alfred Jankowski.

Acklin Stamping

Lewis Mattox was re-elected chairman of Acklin Stamping Unit. C. Stamszewski was named secretary. On the committee are B. Love, D. Cuttaia, R. Ignatowski, J. Mechcewski, F. Young and W. Czerniak. B. Sztukowski is the Die Shop committeeman.

C. Jefferes, T. Urbaniak and W. Nowak were named to the welfare committee. J. Hens will serve as sergeant-at-arms.

E. W. Bliss Unit

James Ryan will again serve as chairman for 1950 of the E. W. Bliss Unit. Arnold Schmming is vice-chairman and William Adams, secretary.

Serving on the committee are Louis Magdus and Harry Ainsworth.

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UAW Asks $125 Pensions From General Motors

T. A. Johnstone, Director of the UAW-CIO General Motors Department, announced today the formulation of the UAW-CIO's 1950 demands on the General Motors Corporation which include $125 a month pensions, comprehensive hospital and medical coverage, severance allowance, wage increases and other economic demands, totalling 31 cents an hour.

The union's proposal calls for discontinuing the cost-of-living escalator clause written into the contract in 1948, although it would retain and increase the "anual improvement factor" (an annual automatic wage increase in recognition of increased productivity through technological advance) which was another feature of the 1948 contract.

Demands were formulated by the National UAW-CIO General Motors Conference meeting at the Fort Wayne Hotel Thursday and Friday.

At a meeting last November the Conference had already voted to demand the union shop.

Delegates to the present conference also formulated a series of non-economic contract demands, since the entire contract is open for changes in 1950.

The present contract expires May 29, 1950. Demands may be served and negotiations initiated as early as April 1, 1950.

Johnstone issued the following statement on behalf of the conference:

"Delegates to the National UAW-CIO General Motors Conference have formulated a set of constructive and reasonable demands which will contribute materially to the welfare and security of General Motors workers and their families and to the economic health of the nation.

"In view of the Corporation's record profits, which are greater than those of any other corporation in the world and greatest in General Motors' history, the demands of the General Motors workers are relatively modest. They can be granted in full by the corporation, prices of General Motors products can be reduced and the Corporation can still make substantial profits.

"The pension demand of the union calls for $125 a month, including primary social seurity benefits, at the age 65 after 25 years of service and scaled down payments for retirement at an earlier age or with fewer years of service. Incapacitated workers would receive the full pension at any age after 25 years of service and scaled down amounts at any age with 10 to 25 years of service.

"As in other pension plans negotiated in other sections of the industry by the UAW-CIO, the pension proposal in General Motors is based on three fundamental principles:

1. A fully guaranteed plan through the establishment of an acturarilly sound trust fund maintained through fixed payments through the company.

2. Administration of the plan by a joint board of administration on which the workers through their union have equal representation with the company, with an impartial chairman.

3. Full financing of the pension plan by the corporation.

"The health security program would provide hospitalization and in-hospital medical care for the worker and his family with cash benefits for temporary disability and maternity cases. Other features are death benefits, rehabilitation training and paid up life insurance on retirement.

"The severance pay allowance would call for 40 hours pay per year of service up to ten years of service and 56 hours per year after ten years of service with a maximum allowance of 1040 hours pay. This clause is modeled on the severance allowance program already provided unilaterally by General Motors to salaried employes not covered by the contract.

"The vacation allowance, also modeled on vacation rules for salaried employes, would be increased from the present 40, 60 and 80 hours, depending on length of service, to 40, 80 and 120 hours.

"The wage increase would be made up of three items:

1. Elimination of the diferential between General Motors and the current industry pattern. This differential, as a result of the escalator clause, now amounts to 1 cent.

2. Increase in the improvement factor in the years 1948-49 from 2 per cent to 3 per cent which would come to 3 cents.

3. Application of the 3 per cent improvement factor in 1950 to current hourly rates which would come to 5 cents.

These three items make a total cash wage increase of 9 cents an hour.

Other items among the economic demands include triple time for holidays worked, time and a half for Saturday work as such and double time for Sunday work as such.

The union estimates the total value of the economic package at 31 cents an hour.

In addition to the union shop demand, the union's proposal covers a number of non-economic improvements in the contract.

Among the most important of these are:

Liberalization of the provisions governing transfers and promotions;

An improved production standard clause;

Increased committeeman representation;

Broadening of the jurisdiction of the impartial umpire.

Ohio CIO To Launch Drive

COLUMBUS, Ohio. — Plans for an intensive registration drive for the 1950 general elections were mapped Saturday as the top committee of the Ohio CIO-PAC met at the State CIO headquarters here.

With Chairman Jack Kroll presiding, the 19-man committee devoted the entire day to working out basic strategy and blueprinting action for a drive to get every single CIO member registered and eligible to vote in the 1950 elections.

Most Crucial In History

Present at the session were leaders from the major CIO International Unions having membership in Ohio. To a man, these officers expressed their conviction that this year's balloting was the most crucial in CIO's history.

Their attitude was summed up by Chairman Kroll, who said: "We cannot afford, nor do we intend, to rest until we have reached a goal of 100 per cent registration.

"Not only must we see to it that every man or woman carrying a CIO membership card is a registered voter, we must likewise see to it that all the members of his family, who are potential voters, are also registered.

"Once this task has been completed, we must see to it that all our members are aware of the vital issues at stake in this election. They must likewise be made aware of the voting records of their public servants, so that they know whether these officials merit their commendation or their condemnation.

"Finally, and by no means less important, will come the Election-Day task itself.

Over 5 Mililon Voters

"Ohio has a potential vote of 5,100,000. It shall be our task to see that a new all-time record of voter participation is established in this election.

"If all of the people of this state go to the polls on Election Day, we have no fear of the outcome. For the people of America have proven, in the past, that they can well and ably choose representatives who will be responsive to the needs of all the people and not just the 'fat cats.'

"It's only when the majority of the people stay home from the polls that the messenger boys of reaction step into office.

"That was the story in 1946. We are determined that shall not be the story in 1950. To that end, the Ohio CIO-PAC Steering Committee has dedicated its energies and its strength.

"It is a task that needs the backing of every CIO member. We are convinced that we shall get that backing."

Regular andfrequent meetings of this top policy committee have been scheduled for the duration of the campaign, so that problems that arise can be quickly solved, Chairman Kroll said.

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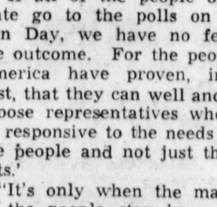

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Chrysler Rejects UAW Offer

The Chrysler Corporation today rejected a new proposal from the UAW-CIO to bring the strike to an immediate end.

The proposal was submitted to Robert W. Conder, Director of Industrial Relations for Chrysler, and was signed by UAW-CIO President Walter P. Reuther and UAW-CIO Chrysler Department Director Norman Matthews.

The Union offered "immediate termination" of the strike if the Corporation would agree to a pension plan and a hospital-medical program amounting to 10 cents an hour, with the pension plan to incorporate three basic pension principles included in other contracts in the industry. Those principles were:

1. Establishment of a trust fund maintained through fixed payments by the company, which would guarantee pension payments.

2. Joint Union-Company administration of the pension plan.

3. Full financing by the company, with no employee contributions.

Under the Union's offer, if the company agreed to those conditions, the strike would end and the parties would negotiate on contract changes for 30 days. All unresolved contract issues at the end of 30 days would then be submitted to impartial arbitration.

"The Corporation has charged that the Union is delaying settlement of the dispute by its insistence on much-needed and long overdue contract improvements," Matthews said. "Our arbitration offer would have removed that so-called obstruction to speedy settlement.

"The Company's refusal to agree," he said, "is evidence that the contract improvements asked by the union were really no obstacle at all; and that the real road-block in the way of settlement is the Chrysler Corporation's stubborn and arbitrary insistence on dictating terms wholly unacceptable to Chrysler workers."

Oil Workers Plan Drive For 36-Hour Week

DENVER (LPA) — The CIO Oil Workers, with thousands of members being laid off, chiefly because of importation of foreign oil, plan to go after a 36-hour week to spread the available work. The union's policy committee, meeting here, voted to ask the aid of the government, particularly the Interior Department, in its drive.

In the 1930,s, nearly all oil workers had a 36-hour week. At the government's plea, just before the United States entered the war, the union agreed to a 40-hour week. During the war, oil workers went on a 48-hour week. After the war, the work week dropped to 40. "The government caused us to move up, now we want the government to help us move back to our old standard," said the policy committee. The union will try to get the present 40-hour take-home pay for 36 hours, on the basis of living costs and company profits.

The policy committee also decided to work for better federal social security legislation; for pension plans in which the employee gets vested rights to money contributed to the fund; union participation in administration; a minimum $100 pension if non-contributory, $125 if contributory.

More Willys Workers Have Checks Waiting

Listed are more names of Willys-Overland workers who by calling at the pay roll office may pick up a check. Checks at the office are for pay period ending Dec. 11, 18 and 25.

The workers whose name is listed is instructed to give badge number and pay period ending to speed processing of payment.

PAY ENDING 12-4-49
263205 Carroll J. Graff
PAY ENDING 12-11-49
160040 Richard Roberts
207126 Joseph Gal
208237 John C. Buyer
222947 Henrietta Steils
263022 Robert Mayes
266002 George Blakeney
355004 Robert Burzynski
369091 Joseph Newell
403128 A. W. Freeman
PAY ENDING 12-18-49
121051 Bernard J. Myers
122108 R. L. Labardee
124001 Lewis Dickerson
165213 Raymond Wittman
185003 John Denniss
190034 Charles H. Force
233957 M. Fernandez
234181 Harold W. Bock
382397 Anthony Asztolos
PAY ENDING 12-25-49
103320 Edward B. Price
123177 Cleland Turner
123225 Robert A. Ursell
123240 Edward J. McCarty
172179 Peter Ulrich
184199 Steven W. Osasz
185005 Henry Joyner
190037 George F. Yeager
209038 James R. Kitchen
222639 Rose P. Szabo
222640 Eva Brunner
222674 Lilliam S. Tuttle
222685 Bertha Walczak
222703 Mary Ann Vand
222716 Martha J. Stow
222817 Edna Peet
222852 Jane E. Hernacl
222881 Anna B. Bailey
222904 Helen Suchala
222968 Mildred F. Ba
222992 Mary Ann Hc
223024 Gardner Oak
223913 Kittie H. Gu
223963 C. L. Riopell
222971 R. E. Gruszc
223998 Irene B. Pohl
233945 Agnes Mack
233975 Elva Eastwood
234030 Edward Coulter
234039 Robert W. Bellfy
234105 Leo Langenderfer
239108 Leo Langenderfer
234006 Ora C. Ottgen
267606 Dora Pawlaczyk
267854 Leona S. Green
267872 Delores Weiser
275154 Wm. E. Tinta
306004 Ludwik C. Zarnoch
307206 Frank Rosiak
306111 L. Nurkiewicz
307009 Melvin J. Urbanski
307010 Wayne M. Eckhart
307017 Frank Clevidence
232126 Sam Popkin
329216 Harry I. Gribben
331098 Don H. Godlen
346016 C. E. Belcher
346025 Ernest Grosteffon
346189 Howard Hade
355002 Everett Rohloff
357234 Felix Kusz
357341 Adam Wasielewski
382001 Meredith E. Hooper
382005 Dave Donaldson
382017 Joseph Gatliff
404009 Fred H. Cota
404011 Thomas E. Stone
426104 Robert Della Flora
442164 Clarence Follas
442214 Henry W. Kieper
444002 Paul K. Zielger
444015 Leonard Pacholski

Trade Commission Official Defends Cartel Deals

WASHINGTON (LPA) — Chairman Celler of the House Monopoly Investigating Committee has submitted to the Federal Trade Commission for investigation testimony by one of its key officials indicating cartel deals between American export associations and foreign cartels are lawful.

Celler acted after Allen C. Phelps, who heads the FTC Export Trade Division and presumably is in charge of policing the export associations formed by American companies under the Webb-Pomerene law exempting them from the anti-trust laws, testified before the House Committee.

Phelps shocked Celler by saying he felt that under the Webb-Pomerone Law export associations could make cartel deals. He countered that was the purpose of Congress in passing the law.

Celler pointed out that the foreign policy of the U.S. was against cartels and quoted former Senator Pomerone, one of the authors of the law, as saying it did not authorize divisions of territory abroad, which is one of the objects of cartels.

Phelps replied that the law seemed to say export associations were free to joint in cartels — that the law put the interests of American exporters "above the interests of the foreign buyer or the foreign consumers."

Later John Stedman, an anti-trust official of the Justice Department, testified the FTC had never applied the Webb-Pomerone's penalty of $100 against export associations which fail to report to the FTC. He said the FTC also had never issued a cease and desist order against an export association.

Phelps said he did not like to be put in the position of defending cartels, but he did not know what our foreign policy was in regard to cartels.

Phelps contended American export associations had made only 15 cartel deals, and none was in effect today. Celler pointed out that a Federal Court recently convicted the alkali export associations of belonging to such a cartel. Phelps said that cartel was formed in 1930 and it has only been since 1940 that their legality was questioned.

Asked why he had never referred any of the cartel deals to the Justice Department for prosecution, Phelps said the export association had always complied with the law in filing reports with the FTC. Celler then read an FTC report charging the steel export associaton had failed to comply with the law in filing its cartel deal, and another report denouncing a sulphur cartel deal.

Phelps said he did not "subscribe" to those reports by the agency which employs him. He contended the Webb-Pomerone law permitted any deals that did not affect competition in this country and he had found no evidence that those did.

"I take it you do not agree with the findings and recommendations of the FTC?" Celler asked.

"I do not agree with those particular conclusions which you read," the witness replied.

Celler then read another FTC report charging a certel deal between American producers of phosphate and the foreign cartel gave the domestic producers "practically complete" protection against competition from abroad.

Celler said it was "very serious" for American exporters to be engaging in cartel deals when they were against our foreign policy. He quoted Winthrop G. Brown, director of the Office of International Trade Policy of the State Department, as saying "it is an important part of the U.S. economic foreign policy to press for the elimination of cartel arrangements which block the expansion of multilateral, competitive, international trade."

Phelps insisted again that so far as he knew there were no cartel deals today. He added: "At least we ask them every year in their annual report, and they have answered 'no'."

Phelps testified his division has only three employees to supervise 44 foreign trade associations and although it had asked the Budget Bureau repeatedly for more help, it has been denied.

Brown, the State Department expert Celler had quoted, followed Phelps to the stand. He said it would be "very undesirable and reprehensible" for American export associations to engage in cartel deals in view of our foreign policy. If such cardeals were being made, he said, they should be broken up.

Celler informed Brown he had cited Phelps' testimony to the FTC for investigation.

Plaskon Co. Walks Out

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shift and third shift workers. He said that the company's pension proposal is being studied and revealed that it is being studied closely since the company proposed pension includes a clause that the plan can be voided on 60 days notice.

Receiving Support

Meanwhile union members and public citizens are rallying to the support of the Plaskon workers with financial contributions to purchase groceries, maintain the soup kitchen, located on the third floor at Local 12 headquarters, 425 Winthrop St. and provide with necessities for the strikers. An invitation has been extended by the Plaskon committee to all members to visit their headquarters at the Local and view in person how the grocery and meat store sales are being conducted. Each workers is allowed a specified amount to purchase groceries and meats according to size of family. The meat and grocery are bought wholesale and the savings passed on the workers. Listed are prices and a display of the meats and groceries and the workers can purchase according to their needs.

Shops in the city are stepping out a drive for collection to help the Plaskon strikers in their fight to maintain what they fought for the past years.

The goal set by the Local 12 policy committee, composed of Unit chairmen has been set for one dollar per members. All donations, however, are on a voluntary basis.

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National *Supply Unit News*

By DEAK and DOCK

We see George Blumke Dept. 32 getting to work on the bus, could the icy streets prevent George from driving that new car or is he saving it for Sunday?

Mr. & Mrs. Ted Steele celebrated their 2nd wedding anniversary last month. Also Mr. & Mrs. Mike Pohlman celebrated their 30th wedding anniversary Feb. 25, Mike works in Dept. 32 and Ted in Dept. 128. Best wishes to both couples.

Bob Rook, Dept. 44 would never let it be said, he didn't visit the sick, especially when he's on the short end of a loan. Now that the sick has recovered and returned to work, Bob has nothing to worry about, eh, Rudy?

Ed of the gear cutters says, For your Easter suits, top-coats or men's furnishings go to Tiedtkes 2nd floor every Saturday, you'll know Eddy by the orchid he wears.

The secret is out, old 631 of Dept. 52 is still counting on getting his portal to portal pay.

McClosky is around the shop a lot looking over the jobs, talking to the boys instead of Slicker Sullivan, is this a prelude of things to come? Perhaps Slicker intends to heed the call "Go West young man Go West."

We have a lot of good men running for the executive committee in our unit election this year. Lets pay more attention to their ability and not elect those who are only looking for personal gain or a chance to get a blue coat, remember what has happened in the past? The time to think is before, not after the election.

Whitey (I Spy) Lang was seen around the shop with one of those toys from his collection, could it be that Whitey has drifted into his second childhood?

General Earl Williams marching firmly and prudently about, alone with his thoughts, perhaps of those wild ——— and better days.

There seems to be a great movement in the shop lately, the object must be harmony between the men and supervision, with no emphasis on production. Joe (the Academy Student, Riding Academy, that is) Montry, replaces L. Bock as head whip man in Dept. 52; Lippy Louie will be Robinson's little helper in Dept. 43 days, with C. Wrayton doing his trick riding and roping on the second trick. Ed Merical will move to Dept. 44, with Rudolph (the red nose) and with the baseball season so close, there'll be more games played in the office than at Swayne Field. And as usual C. Hollabaugh will call signals from the bench on the side line.

Who is the guy in the shop that could think of nothing but a bottle of whiskey to save when the flood waters got to the four foot level in his house, at least he couldn't cry (water, water everywhere, but not a drop to drink).

Frank Zackman, Dept. 128 was a victim of the icy streets last week, after turning a few flip-flops in the gutter, got up, rushed home to change clothes, then hustles off to work. What a reoccurence.

Bob Porter Dept. 5, called "I

What a discovery! Excitedly Spy" Lang, and complained about the night man putting the wrong tool in the machine, Lang with that lovable personality, took the tool to the office, wrote a note to the night supervisor, also a forgiveness slip for Bob.

The election committee reports election will be held March 16, at Vinto Fish Market on Cardinal Street. You must have a membership card or a paid up receipt. This is your election, you can spend at least a few minutes of your time to ask others to spend hours of theirs.

The definition of a Bachelor: A lucky guy who has a girl on his lap without having her on his hands.

Oklahoma citizens please send us some of that doped horse meat. We could use it on the Save Toledo Pay Rolls Committee. We want our freedom too, thats all that the Leopard wanted was his freedom. He probably was looking for a 5c cup of coffee.

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July 23 to July 29 (Weeks).....

1950 CAMP PERIODS FOR GIRLS

July 30 to August 30 (Weeks).....
August 6 to August 12 (Weeks).....
August 13 to August 19 (Weeks).....
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August 27 to Sept. 2 (Weeks).....

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PARENT'S AGREEMENT: In signing this application I certify that my son is amenable to discipline and is free from habits that would make him an undesirable camper. I understand that the registration fee that accompanies this application will be applied on the total for the period, also that the registration fee is forfeited if my son fails to attend camp. In the event of dismissal for misconduct no part of the camp fee is refunded. In the event of withdrawal because of sickness (home sickness excluded) a prorate refund will be made for the unexpired portion of the period.

Parent's Signature .....

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RIGHT NOW IS A GOOD TIME TO TAKE CARE OF THE INOCULATIONS

Sparklets—*Champion Unit*

Ralph H. Young, Sec'y

I wish to thank the members who voted for me in the recent election. I can assure you that I will attempt to do the job as secretary to the best of my ability and give the members of the Champion Unit the service they deserve.

JIM VISON, DEPT. D, 2nd SHIFT

And don't forget that, despite all of RHY's short-comings, I nominated him. (He's the "Dirty Dog Who Put Glue In My Saddle." Pardon me, Jim, I couldn't resist using that song title. RHY)

What celebrities we have in D!!! Globetrotter, Jim Ubry has returned from a visit to N.Y. City. Edna Fought who received a souveneir card from Jim, will attest to this fact.

Then, Max 'Shadow" Stucker, that colorful character, crashed the John Sander's Sidewalk Interview Program on Thursday noon.

Yep, it's time! This reporter looked cross-eyed at the clock, Tuesday night and had his coat and hat on at 7 o'clock, ready to go out and vote. He just had that important duty on his mind. Wot happened, anyway, with the election?

Mrs. Don Welch (Helen) escaped being a leap-year baby by a day and a couple of years. She celebrates her birthday on February 28th.

Geneive Kohn was born on this date, also. Here's hoping that both of these ladies live to see the return of their birthdays for many, many years.

The friends of Beulah Wolmuth who is now on the day shift, wish her a very happy birthday this week in March. The same goes for Leona Hopkins.

We hope that our friend, Colonel Tarver, will not lament having failed to be elected to the Shop Committee. Otherwise, we should have lost a good reporter, for even had he continued to try to function as a writer, how could he have done a good job with a constant headache??

To Mr. and Mrs. Don Welch, who celebrated their 5th wedding anniversary on March 3rd:

Than a new home to give
yourselves,
Few gifts are half as good;
Condusive to a happy state,
So happily appropriate—
For this date calls for Wood.

Wallace Heinline, gapsetter, poet and philosopher had a good article in the Toledo Blade Forum last week. (It deserved more publicity. RHY)

Colonel Tarver
Dept. E 1st Shift

Congratulations to Steve Sabo, who is the leader of a six-piece Gypsy orchestra. Steve has the unique distinction of being invited to participate in a national Gypsy festival to be held in Chicago on March 25th. This event is exclusively for Gypsies, as a rule, and when an execption is made, it is only when an outsider shows rare skill in handling Gypsy music.

Have you noticed how lovely Mildred Groves appears since she got her exciting new heir-do?

Mildred Gray was the gleeful recipient of two delicious birthday cakes which were baked by Loretta Mercer and Martha Mosiniak. We almost envy you, "Midge."

Congratulations to Gladys Lehner, who birthdayed on February 27th.

Alicia Jankowski, of this dept. on days, is at home because of an attack of influenza. We wish you a speedy recovery, Alicia.

Colonel Tarver wishes to thank his friends who voted for him in the recent election. It is wonderful to have so many friends take an interest in your personal projects. We wish the new administration, the best of luck in the management of the affairs of the unit during the current term of office.

Clarence "Tobias" LaVoy, Eng. Insp., is temporarily disabled by an eye infection. We hope to see you on the job again soon, Toby.

In case everyone doesn't know, Clyde Raush is a grandfather again.

Fay Pulley was signally honored last week when she was nominated by a Wm. Roche hospital group as a "Good Neighbor" and was presented with a beautiful orchid, a cake and was tendered a special dinner at the Edison restaurant and was treated to the thrill of talking over the radio. Congratulations, Fay, celebrated on the 17th with a

Henry Fearing had a birthday on February 15th which was who ,believe it or not, were loyalparty of associates and friends ly silent about the affair until today. Tut-tut! They should know that the "Sparklets" "Mountie" always gets his man. Congratulations, Henry.

Robert Smith
Dept. E 2nd Shift

If anyone is interested in getting a good solid piece of rope, one that is strong enough to hold a car back to a post, just see Alice Brown of the Stud lines. How much for the rope, Alice? I have my eyes on someone I want to "hog-tie." It may not hold them but it might slow them down. Now, I wonder who tied that rope around your car?

It was a happy birthday for another little girl on our floor. It was on that great day of March 2nd that she celebrated the occasion. Betty Lewis says, sure just "Sweet 16" and never been kissed. Now Betty, I'll bet if the boys had known that they would have lined up 6 deep and a block long. How about it, Betty come on tell us, how old. I'll make a guess, 2—???. Congratulations, Betty. (Bob, see me, I'll tell you her age. RHY)

Attention Colony After Midnight Bowlers:

If you are unable to bowl, please let your team captain know at least a couple of days ahead of time. It is the duty of the captain to inform the secretary Pauline Heiden, and arrangements for a substitute will be made. Pauline's phone number is JO 5963. Last Friday, Morris Stone and Frank Nowicki rolled 550 to share honors for High Three game series. John Anderson rolled a fine 221 to take the honor for High Individual game.

Leonard Borglin
Dept. D 1st Shift

The month of March came roaring in like a lion and so did Delphine and Walter Geremski, for a very good reason too. I understand that they called Delphine's name at the Paramount theatre the night before for the entire "Jack-pot" but since she didn't register, it automatically made her ineligible to win all those lovely prizes. It would have been a very nice birthday present for her. The birthday was the same day. "Oh, well." What's the difference, she still has her good health.

Another one of our congenial brothers came back to work on March 1st. It was none other than good old John Bost. We all missed him and we hope he continues to feel as good as he doe's now. He says to thank the members for the beautiful flowers.

Ruby Martin came to work on March 1st, storming and roaring, practically crying. She didn't miss any prizes but slipped on the ice and fell. Result: a badly lacerated knee and several sore spots and bruises all over her entire chassis.

Dorothy Mann has been off from work a few days now. She also received severe bruises when she fell on the ice on February 28th. Less fortunate than Ruby, she had to stay home. Hope you get well soon.

Floyd Wachowiak did considerable damage to his car last day in Feb. when he was involved in an accident on Montrose Ave. while coming to work. Ice was to blame for this one too.

Robert Laipply, Andy "Ears" Holmes Domagala, Hazel Gill and Helen Schmidlin did their good deed last week when they volunteered to donate a pint of their blood to someone less fortunate. Thanks a million, Folks.

Clem Sobczak, gap setter, was called home on March 2nd because his house was full of smoke. Luckily, no damage was done.

Harold "Spot-light" Kerschner and his wife celebrated their wedding anniversary on February 28th. It must have been a quiet affair as per usual, or was he particularly careful or suspicious of coming in like a lion the next day. Don't look now but I might have lost another vote right here. Nevertheless, we wish the Kerschners many more such happy occasions.

Remember that real cold morning, February 27th? Well Ralph Young, our secretary, walker from home to the plant carrying his brief case in one hand and two dozen eggs in a paper sack in the other. "Wot happened" when he almost reached the Union Office, the sack broke, but Ralph did manage to pick up eleven of the twenty-four eggs that were not scrambled. What were you trying to do Ralph, put all your eggs in one department??? Or were you inebriated with the exuberance of your own verbosity. Incidentely it was the first day for voting for the Executive Committee. No offense, Ole Chap, I hope. (Hand me that dictionary and call a lawyer. RHY)

Marie Fought returned to work on March 6th, feeling much better than she has for the past two weeks, when she was confined to her home with a severe cold. Welcome back, Marie.

Charlie Gale, gap setter and drummer, was really beating his drums last week when he proposed to one of our amiable spinsters who works in the multigraph department. What do you know, she said "Yes." Charlie, as you all know, is one of our eligible bachelors. Spring certainly does have a lot of power, not only towards the birds and bees but mankind as well.

Goodbye now, see you next week.

Millwrights
Dept. H 1st Shift

The Millwrights wish everyone to know that their Plaskon Strike donation has reached almost 100% on each one of them giving $1.00. That is the best record in the plant. (Incidently, a lot of the cans didn't get around to all the departments last week. Let's hope we have better luck next week. RHY)

Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Evans proudly announce the arrival of an 8 pound 12 ounce baby girl born on February 28th.

Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Barnes celebrated their 22nd wedding anniversary during the past week.

Norman Campbell came in for lunch the other day looking like a movie star. (From the ears up) Did Bates tell you to plaster your hair down so he could see out of the window over pour head, "Curly?"

A tribute to Dan Holm, stockman, who has outsmarted the Millwrights and electricians. It seems that the lock on the crib kept out only those who didn't try to get in, so Danny thought it about time to do something. He invented a fool proof lock for his crib. To date, it hasn't been cracked but there'll come a day.

We say hello and goodbye as Paul Justus and Ray rush exchange shifts.

Dept. H bowlers will be missing a regular bowler for the rest of the season as he had to go back on the night shift. Sorry, you couldn't stay on days, Paul. Signed: Dept. H Bowlers.

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Pensions Won By Mich. Bakers

DETROIT (LPA) — The first non-contributory pension plan in the Michigan baking industry has been won for the 600 employes of the Awrey Baking Company by Local 30, United Bakery and Confectionery workers, RWDSE-CIO. The plan provides for $100 monthly (including social security) for workers at 65 after 25 years' service. Retirement at 65 is voluntary. The agreement also calls for union representation in pension policy making, a permanent disability provision, an annual report by the company and provisions for complete funding of past and future coverage over 25 years.

Awrey employes have enjoyed a company-financed health, accident and life insurance plan for four years. The medical security program also covers employes represented by Local 30 at Gordon Silvercup Bakery, Fred Sanders, J. J. Gillweo and Vendo-mat Company.

Bill Bars Biased Job Agencies

ALBANY, N.Y. (LPA) — Issuance of a license to an employment agency whose name denoted any discrimination because of race, creed rocolor would be prohibited under terms of a bill passed by the State Senate Feb. 28. Sponsored by Senator Paul A. Fine, Bronx Republican, the measure awaits house action.

Denham Defies NLRB Curb On His Authority

WASHINGTON (LPA)—Robert N. Denham, general counsel of the National Labor Relations Board, defied the Board when he announced he would not agree to recent procedural revisions by the Board which clipped his wings. He announced tha tthe President, and not the Board, is his boss.

Toledo Stamping Notes

Mary E. Eichenburg

Arthur Gable is resting fairly well at Monroe Hospital while his wife is recuperating at home. Cheer up, Mr. Gable. The entire plant sends best regards and wish you a speedy recovery.

Laura Forquer has been promoted secretary to Mr. Beckwith in the Purchasing Dept. She has been with the Company seven years. We wish her good luck.

We have a new girl in the front office. Lucille Switzer, married and lives in Toledo. Good luck, Lucille.

Congratulations to Monte, die setter on the big line, who celebrates his birthday March 10.

We are glad to welcome Emily Walcazak back after almost a year's absence.

Men's Toledo Stamping Bowling League meet every Monday evening at 6:15 P.M. at Haggerty's Bowling Alley. Eddie Jakubowski has highest score followed by Carl Veik, Steve Czoldosz, Ray Tasker and Charlie Ball. If you want to see the bottom of the list see the Personnel Manager.

Congratulations to Freda Poman, who celebrated her birthday March 1.

Elsie, who is the gentleman that meets you every lunch time? He drives a red truck.

Nelson Howard claims his wife got a new television set. Its a General Electric cabinet. Good luck, Nelson.

Wanda Davenport became the mother of a lovely baby girl, Feb. 28. Mother and child are doing well. The baby has been named Patricia Ann.

Viola Norman is ill in Robinwood Hospital. We wish her a speedy recovery.

There are rumors that the new room is to be painted green.

Arthur Smith is confined to his home with an attack of flu. The entire plant wish him a speedy recovery.

It is remarkable how one man can cause a lot of comment. Fred Drews acquired a new hat this past week. Among the comments heard were: Too early for an Easter bonnet; Must be a Knight; Shirley's knitting a tassel for the top, and is it heated?

A collection is being taken up to buy a fur lined skull cap which does not advertize any company.

Marshall Hammond, millwright, is confined to his home by an attack of pneumonia. We wish him a speedy recovery.

Almeda Blue would be glad if some of the girls would visit her. Being a shut-in, she gets very lonesome and blue. How about it, girls. Her address is 952 South St.

Charlie Basch needs a skull cap to cover that billiard ball.

Joseph Foise has a machine in the die room that makes him proud. Ask George Matlin, it is about his age.

Walker says that the blonde one is crowding first place.

Anyone interested in making a little extra money in the reserves see Sgt. C. Reibher, on second shift, big line.

Zelma Brown surprised us all. She is wearing a beautiful diamond ring on her left hand. The wedding will take place in the near future.

Felicitations to Max and Martha Zodanyi, who celebrated thier 18th wedding anniversary March 7.

Ruth and Pearl on the Welfare Committee need an airplane to cover all the calls, so many are ill. Maybe Eagle Eye will pilot them.

The battle is on for the Shuffleboard Championship between Eagle, Hawk and Owleyes. The Supt. is betting 100 on Owleye. Fred, Jr., 50 on Hawkeye and C. B. 10 on Eagleye. Place will be announced later.

Chet Miller is a real clown at riding a greasy pig, with those long legs around the pigs neck, one hand on his tail, the other holding his leg, we all had a good time. Even the former mayor of Holland, Ohio, Guy Price, was thrilled. Eagle Eye was not present.

Congratulations to Vera, Misc. on second shift, who celebrated her birthday March 3.

My apologies to BarbaraKolher. It was Billie Kolher that is rumored to get married soon.

Betty Simms surely had the giggles the other night, she said she couldn't afford shoes.

A sweater competition is goin gon second shift. Some are real sweater girls.

Frances Knapp had an accident. She stopped to get some inserts and oh, what happened to her slacks?

Seems bangs are the new hair do. Got to keep in style.

Poor Junior looked lost last few nights with Blondie off.

Bob, of Misc. on second shift, face was pretty pale the other night. Don't worry Bob, the most of us think you are O. K. Chin up and keep that smile.

The Welders would like hats to keep from burning their hair. They like the one Fred Drews, Sr., was wearing.

What's a guy going to do when a guy asks for a date all week and then backs out on Saturday. How about that, Geo?

U. S. Steel Rejects Curb On Big Pensions

HOBOKEN, N. J. (LPA) — Stockholders of the U S Steel Corporation approved the pension plan which settled the steel strike last year, but voted down, 9 to 1, efforts of minority stockholders to limit pensions of executives. One proposal was to limit pensions to $12,000 a year; another required employes who got more than $20,000 a year to contribute one-fifth if they wanted a pension.

Airway Airings

By The Ghost Raiders

We would like to hear some reports from our welfare committee and their activity. The people that were helped out over the past few months wish to express their heartiest thanks at this time. We are sure that their hearts were overjoyed at the help the people of the shop gave them and it was never even missed by the people that gave to this cause, but to those of you that didn't we are sure in the future your donations will be dropped in the container as it is being passed, how do you know maybe someday it will strike your home, then how will you think when they don't help you out. What little we are asking for won't break you up in house keeping. So won't you be a little more generous the next time the box is passed.

We have a certain clause in the contract that pertains to rules around the shop, well it seems that the ones in the contract are kept to a tee, but in recent months there has been some made by a few people and not approved by the committee, it plainly states that any new rules will be subject to the approval of the executive shop committee. Well, has this been done, we don't think so. Why dosen't the company like to discuss things that pertain to the union, instead they seem to get their own way of trying to run our union, our committee has never yet refused to sit down with the company and discuss things, but it seems the company likes to make our own discussion without the committee present. They say it involves too much union time. It is better to lock the barn before the horse is stolen then to do it afterwards. There is another clause which pertains to quite a few violations, and that is where it says the company will not operate no machinery that will jeopardize the health or safety of an employee.

WALK AROUND THE SHOP ANY TIME AND JOT DOWN THE THINGS YOU THINK ARE UNSAFE. You don't have to be a professor to see them then stop and think should this exist, we say no and something should be done about it and now is the time. Wake up fellow workers, this is 1950 and not the dark ages where you couldn't see.

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Support The Plaskon Strike

ELSEWHERE in this issue of the Union Journal is "An Open Letter to Mr. John Biggers" from Mr. Felix Szymanski, Chairman of the Plaskon Unit of Local 12 which is in the midst of a bitter strike against the mighty glass concern.

Mr. Biggers is president of L-O-F which owns Plaskon.

Every strike is a bitter struggle, with some more so than others. In the case of the Plaskon workers, it is getting down to "a war of attrition." L-O-F is apparently determined to starve these workers into object submission.

The stark irony of this fight, however, is the fact that L-O-F is waging this war against its workers at a time when the corporation is reporting record-smashing profits. The situation is made even more bitter when we realize that the Plaskon workers primarily are fighting to retain gains that they were able to make two years ago. The mighty L-O-F wants to abolish overtime premium pay for Saturday and Sunday work as such; they want to abolish the measly five cents per hour shift premium for the second and third shifts and, further, L-O-F wants to re introduce the hated "swing shift" on a weekly basis.

A so-called pension plan, now being dangled before the eyes of Plaskon workers by L-O-F is far from what the strikers want and it is nothing but a bait to get the workers to accept the company terms.

Needless to say, if L-O-F should succeed in smashing this strike, other employers will undoubtedly embark on similar ventures. In that case, Organized Labor in Toledo will be forced all along the line to fight for gains and benefits that they have won for themselves — in some instances at least — before Hitler plunged the world into World War II.

Obviously, we cannot permit this to happen. Too much is at stake for all of us. Therefore, it is up to ALL OF ORGANIZED LABOR IN TOLEDO TO RALLY BEHIND THE PLASKON WORKERS AND HELP THEM WIN THEIR JUST FIGHT.

At the moment we can best do that by giving them financial help. And plenty of it. Because if we don't, we shall most assuredly have to go through the same bitter struggle in the rest of our organized plants in our city.

In short, Brother, this is YOUR FIGHT. And you'd better start pitching.

The Victorious Coal Diggers

AFTER NINE long months of bitter struggle, the coal diggers of the nation once again emerged victorious from their fight with the arrogant coal barons. Although, to use a colloquial expression, "the whole books was thrown at 'em", nothing could break the fighting spirit of the coal miners.

With a new contract under their belt, the coal diggers are back at work deep in the bowels of the earth diggin g their "black diamond."

The miners have gained a wage increase amounting to $1.30 per day. This includes a flat 75 cents per day increase in their daily earnings, plus other benefits. The royalty payment to their insurance and welfare fund was increased from 20 cents to 30 cents per ton.

It's true that the new contract no longer carries the famed "willing and able" clause. And the traditional "memorial periods" that the miners may engage in is limited to five days per year. Nevertheless, the new contract does set a new high in wage and contract settlements for all the workers of the nation to shoot at.

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The end of this epic struggle came with almost lightning like speed. For nine months the coal operators refused to budge from their originally adopted position. The coal barons were determined to crush the United Mine Workers Union. They felt confident that with the help of the notorious Taft-Hartley Law the miners' struggle would be smashed. They, the coal operators, counted heavily on the injunction procedure of the Taft-Hartley Act to assure them victory in this fight.

However, they failed to reckon with the unyielding determination of the coal miners to fight back.

The coal diggers know that injunction orders would not dig coal. Only the miners can dig coal. And if the miners refuse to descend into the deep pits, there is no other way of getting the coal out of the earth.

That is exactly what the miners did. "Let 'em dig coal with their injunction," was their universal reply. Consequently, there was no coal. And slowly the economic life of the nation was being threatened with strangulation. No nation such as ours can possibly live without coal.

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It was at this state that President Truman stepped into the picture and requested the Congress to authorize government seizure of the mines. This the operators didn't like. Especially when President Truman made it clear that the mine operators would be "assured a fair return on their investment". By implication, at least, this meant that not all the profits of these coal mines would be turned over to the operators.

President Truman said something else. "The miners shall receive a fair return for their work," was also included in his request.

That is, in our opinion, what broke the back of the coal operators. For the coal operators did not want President Truman to tell them what constitutes a "fair return" on their investment. If such a decision were to be made, it might result in setting a ceiling on all future profits for the coal barons. And, from the point of view of the coal operators, that would be very bad.

After all, they don't want anyone — including the President of the United States — to tell them what constitutes a "fair return" on their operations.

By the same token the coal operators didn't want the Federal Government to set a price on what constitutes a "fair return" to the coal diggers. That, too, from their point of view could prove to be very dangerous.

Hence, the quick settlement.

Above all, however, the arrogant coal operators settled because they could not break the backs of the miners.

Truly, it was a magnificent struggle . . . an epic fight.

A grand lesson for all the workers in the country in their struggles against employers everywhere.

Labor Wins In England

FIGHTING against tremendous odds, the Labor Party in England pulled through to victory in the British elections held last week. True enough, the margin of victory is slender and the Tories—both in England and right here in the United States—are serving notice on the Labor Government that they will do everything in their power to hamstring and obstruct its activities to the best of their ability.

Of course, there is nothing new in the attitude of the Rt. Hon. Winston Churchill and his cohorts towards the Labor Government. The Tory clique have been bitterly opposed to every Labor measure since 1945, when the present Labor Government first came into power. It is to be expected that these vicious attacks shall not only continue, but will increase in power in the future. Particularly since the Labor Government barely holds a majority in the House of Commons. Churchill and his tory gang will be in there slugging and working to upset the Labor Government on the very first opportunity. The tories know that the first time they are able to defeat the Labor Government on any major issue, that government will have to resign and thus bring about another national election.

That is the aim of Churchill now. They feel that if another election should be ordered their chances for victory would improve.

But that is precisely what the British Labor Government will have to try to avoid. Prime Minister Atlee and his colleagues must make sure that their Labor MP's are always on hand whenever a test vote might be in order. Yes, it will be a continual fight not only for the survival of the Labor Government, but more so, the fight will be for the further developing of Labor's program with its drive toward the socialization of the heavy industries . . . the extension and improvement of the various social security measures . . . the improvement of unemployment compensation and all the other measures that the Labor Government has introduced during the past five years.

For us here in the United States the election victory of British Labor should mean only one thing: by following the example of our brothers across the sea . . . by doing the same kind of hard, persevering work in election campaigns that our British cousins did, we, too, can face our forthcoming congressional elections with confidence and the knowledge that when the ballots of our people shall be counted next November, Senators like our own Hon. Robert A. Taft will find themselves jobless insofar as the U. S. Congress is concerned.

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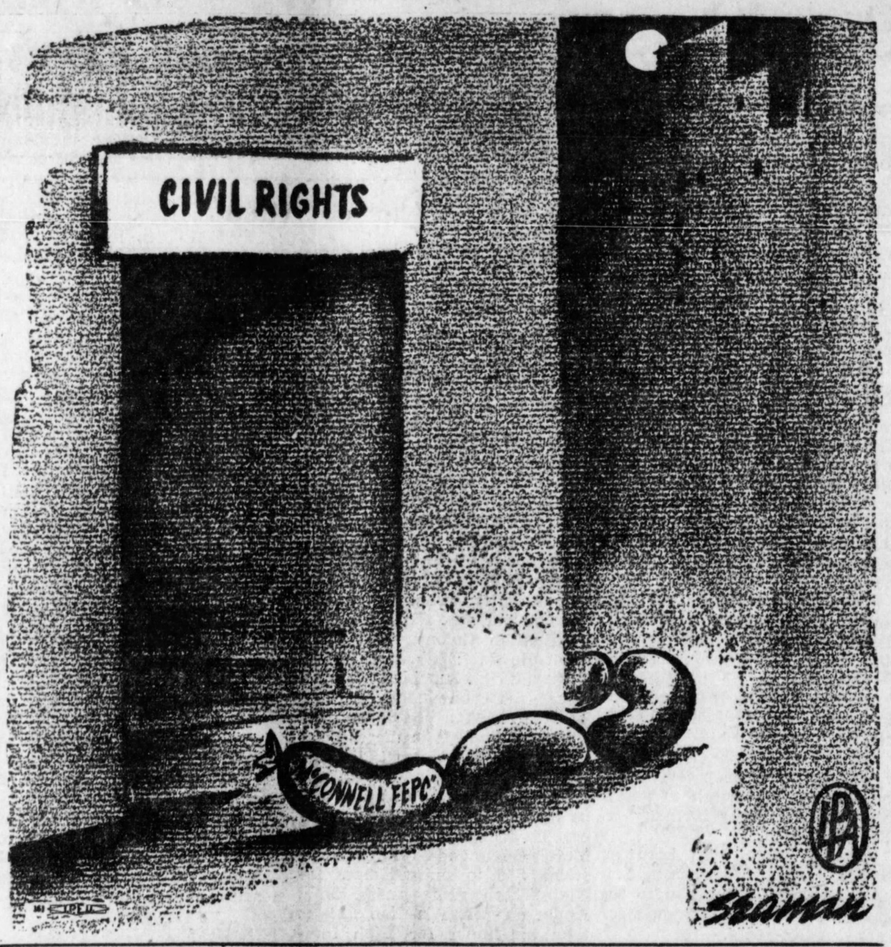

This You Ought To Know

By Pete Zvara

WHETHER we like it or not, the greatest single issue in the world today is peace. Although nearly five years have elapsed since the termination of World War II, the nations are more jittery now about a new war than at any time since the suicide of Hitler in his burnt out bunker under the ruins of Berlin . . . since the representatives of the Son of Heaven put their John Hancock on the dotted line aboard "Big Mo" in Tokyo Bay back in August of 1945.

Pete Zvara

Newspapers, with hardly an exception, are full of war talk. The same goes for the radio, magazines and all other means of mass communication.

Even Cardinal Spellman of New York, the highest Roman Catholic dignitary in the United States, openly calls upon the people to "be prepared to die."

Relations between the East and the West —primarily the United State sand Russia— is extremely strained. The "cold war" continues at a furious pace. The Secretary of Defense, Mr. Louis Johnson, openly boasts that "we can lick hell out of Russia anytime." Generals and Admirals are making public statements about their preparations for open and bloody conflict.

In Washington certain responsible officials are talking about setting up another Capitol for the nation in case Washington should be atom-bombed. More, other government officials are preparing new legislation to provide for the quick and efficient replacement of Congressmen in case a large number of them should die in a bombing attack. As these people point out to us, vacancies in the U. S. Senate can be filled by the various state governors, but there are no way of filling vacancies in the House except by means of special elections. And, as it is further pointed out, in case of war it might become very difficult, if not impossible, to hold special elections.

CERTAINLY these thoughts are anything but pleasant. Especially in view of what some of the nation's top scientists tell us about what might happen in case of a sudden attack upon us with atomic and hydrogen bombs. "The hydrogen bomb . . . could easily be made a suicide bomb to kill everyone in the world," the country was told a couple of weeks ago by four of our top atomic scientists Dr. Hans Bethe, physicist of Cornell University; Dr. Frederick Seitz, physicist o fthe University of Ilinois; Dr. Leo Szilard, biophysicist and Dr. Harrison Brown, chemist, both of the University of Chicago.

Dr. Albert Einstein, world reknowned physicist whose theories made possible the atom bomb and opened the way toward developing the far more deadly hydrogen bomb, is already on record to the same effect.

IN LIGHT of these circumstances, is it any wonder that people everywhere are fearfully groping for peace . . . for a way out of this hideous situation? For today we must remember that war is no longer a war between the armed forces of nations. This is the age of "total war." And this term applies equally to West and East alike. The last war against Germany and Japan was a "total war" in every sense of the word. Surely no one disputes this. Especially if one looks at the universal ruin of German cities. Nor did the German bombers worry about the slaughter of innocent women and children in their "saturation bombing" of Coventry, London, Rotterdam, Warsaw and the countless Russian towns and villages they destroyed.

Nor did we permit our conscience to bother us when our airmen dropped their lethal weapon on Nagasaki and Hiroshima.

Those were the rules of "total destruction." And we had to live by them or forfeit victory.

Yes, the days when "generals died in bed" are a thing of the so-called romantic past. Today and in the future generals and privates, women and children will all be equally subject to quick and merciless annihilation. The hell-bombs we are now manufacturing will not discriminate against anyone.

And the battle field will not be restricted to so-called "combat areas" or "no-man's lands." The whole world will be one gigantic and bloody battlefield.

PERHAPS this is the reason why so many people, even among the leaders of our government, are worried about peace. That is why people like Senator Byrd and Senator McMahon are pushing their plans to somehow bring peace between the United States and Soviet Russia. As Sen. Byrd put it just the other day, he has received thousands of letters from all over the world and from all types of people urging him on to fight for peace.

Perhaps these are the reasons why, at least in a partial sense, Mr. Herman W. Steinkraus, president of the U. S. Chamber of Commerce, suggested only a couple of days ago that the United States enter into direct negotiations with the leaders of Soviet Russia to try to bring peace to this war-weary world.

"As a matter of fact," Mr. Steinkraus said, "President Truman might do well to step into the talks personally. Perhaps he could make Russia realize that the two countries can live together without conflict if we try."

AND IT makes mighty little difference how some of us might hate the Russians and despise their way of living . . . their economic and political system. Unless we are ready to declare war on them and start bombing now, something that no sane person would advocate since such an act on our part would inevitably condemn us in the eyes of the whole world, we must find a way to live in peace with them. This, I believe, is possible since fundamentally the Russian people seek and desire peace just as much as we do.

This is, indeed a tough problem, but if we spend as much energy on trying to find peace as we are on trying to get ready for the next war, then I believe we shall earn the leadership of all mankind. Assured of such moral leadership in the world, America could then lead the world to peace and security in spite of all obstacles.

What a glorious goal to fight for!

Veteran's Information

Q.—I am now receiving compensation from V-A but feel that I should be getting more. Can you advise me as to who may assist me in presenting my claim before the V-A rating board?

A.—Any organization accredited under P.L. 844, 74th Congress, any attorney or agent recognized by V-A, or a V-A contact representative may present your claim before the V-A rating board. V-A will recognize anyone you want to represent you in your particular claim providing he files a proper power-of-attorney with the office where your claim is located and a statement that no fee will be charged for the service rendered.

Q—I am an honorably discharged World War II veteran. Are VA education or training benefits available to me if I go to a private teacher who will prepare me to enter college?

A—If you are training under Public Law 16 because of a service-incurred disability, you may have a private tutor if one is prescribed for you by VA vocational guidance counselors. No private tutor is available to you under the GI Bill which stiplates that a veteran must attend a State-approved school or training establishments to receive VA benefits.

Q—Will VA guarantee my loan for the purchase of residential property containing more than one family unit? I am a World War II veteran?

A—Yes, but the total number of separate units in the apartment cannot be more than four if you are the only buyer. If other veterans are joining with you in the purchase, then one additional unit may be added to the abovementioned four for each veteran partiipating in the purchase.

Q—Will I have to go VA for advisement and guidance in event I wish to change my educational course under the GI Bill?

A—To avoid possible delays, a veteran seeking to make his first change of course may go to his school for advisement and guidance, if his school has an organized counseling service. If the school has no organized counseling service or if the student seeks to make further changes in his course after the initial change, he must go to VA for advisement and guidance.

Q—I was discharged from the Army four years ago and now wish to enter a course of embalming. What school may I attend and get the benefits provided by the GI Bill?

A—You may enroll in any school of embalming approved by the State in which the school is located, provided it is willing to accept you.

Your Congressman Reports

Tom Burke

I SEE BY THE papers that one local Republican candidate for Congress is accusing another local candidate for Congress of being a stooge for Dick Gosser and me. How corny can politics get?

In 1948 they really got something on me when, by dint of remarkable detective work, they found that I was somewhat of a non-conformist on the world-shattering issue of a necktie. I was caught with the goods. I had to admit that I was a crusader for the emancipation of the masculine neck from the tie that binds.

I'll be damned, though, if I will admit to skulduggery within the Republican party. They can do enough damage to themselves without any help from me. About one more "statement of policy" from Republican bigwigs and the cororner can render a verdict of suicide.

I know that in the 1950 elections I will have a Republican opponent. That's part of the business and I expect it. I want to assure all and sundry that I have no particular preference as to which of the announced candidates it will be. That's the business of the Republican party, not my business.

The real question that presends itself is—will the the Republican party and its candidate campaign on the issues? They seem to have the idea that the people of our District will run and hide at the mention of Dick Gosser's name, because the Blade has tried to make a bogey out of Dick.

Sure, Dick and I are friends. What about it? I have many other friends also, some of whom don't even know Dick. What are they suposed to do? Get sore at me because I do know and like Dick? In the words of the General in his reply to the German army, "Nuts!"

In the election of a representative to Congress, as in the pension plan, Gosser is not the issue. It is simply, who stands for what. I'd like to list some of the issues of the day and show you where I stand. How will the successful candidate in the Republican primary, whoever he may be, stand on these issues?

1. Taft-Hartley Act. I'm for its repeal and replacement with a law that really protects the workers' natural right to organize and bargain collectively. I introduced a bill, H.R. 4811, to do just that. Will the Republican candidate stick with the Republican party's declaration that workers should be "kept in their places" and should not "covet their employers' goods" by organiizng and bargaining collectively?

2. Fair Labor Standards. I fought for the 75 cents minimum, extended coverage and elimination of oppressive child labor. Will my opponent fight of the Republican party proposals of flexible minimums, more hours without overtime premium pay and curtailed coverage?

3. Education. (a) I have never made any secret of the fact that I support Federal Aid to Education. I introduced H.R. 5939, a teachers' salary bill, and it is now under serious consideration by the Education Committee. This is one of the items that the Republican party calls socialistic. Will the Republican candidate also oppose it as socialistic or will he abandon his party?

(b) On the subject of school districts suffering because of the impact of Federal installations, I am urging that the Goevrnment recognize its responsibility and make up the difference to the local district in the same degree a private corporation would be required to do.

4. Labor Extension Service. I think that working people are entitled to educational extension service just as farm people are. The Republican party thinks it's dangerous to educate working people. I think working people would like to know if the Republican candidate for Congress thinks so too.

5. Civil Rights. In the FEPC battle we have had a good example of what the Republican party stands for. By coalition with the Dixiecrats, they have given the nation nothing but a cruel hoax. Even the persuasion, conciliation and education clauses left in the bill cannot be invoked where an employer hires one person of a minority race, creed or national origin group, even though he discriminate against others, because his hiring one person of a minority group creates the "presumption" that the employer does not discriminate. The people whom this legislation was designed to protect will want to know what the Republican candidate thinks about it.

Space will not allow me to list any further issues in detail. There are many, however, in both domestic and foreign policy. I have always found the people of the Ninth Congressional District intelligently interested in these issues.

I believe these people want their candidates for Congress to stand up and be counted on one side or the other of each of these issues. I am confident that their judgment is too intelligent and mature to be swayed by a necktie or the lack of one or to be thrown off base by a candidate's friendships or his acquaintanceships?

Assuming a crown of political martyrdom and at the same posing as a vertiable St. George fighting horrible dragons will not, I am sure, bring to any candidate the votes necessary to win. Our people want more solid reasons for choosing their representative. They dont' scare easy.

In Our Opinion

by HOWARD REDIGER
EXECUTIVE SECRETARY of T.U.C.

NOT ALL of our newspaper's are against unions. Contrary to what is happening in Toledo, in the city's daily press, let me tell you about a newspaper publisher who recently praised a labor union for the contribution it makes to the community's economic welfare. This publisher is Hodding Carter of Greenville, Mississippi, who spoke recently at the University of North Carolina.

And the burden of this speech was that labor unions help a business community . . . help it financially. This is very unusual coming from the deep south.

Mr. Carter told the audience that, as a publisher, he has kept informed on the business barometers of other cities in his region, particularly on those cities comparable in size to his home town of Greenville, Mississippi.

And so, he said, he had particularly watched the town of Laurel, Mississippi . . . which is the same size as his own home town. Four years ago no labor union of any sort existed in Laurel, Mississippi.

Today there is 6,500 CIO members in that city of 35,000 people. And, said Mr. Carter, these CIO unions have negotiated contracts that have added more than 5 million dollars annually to Laurel's payroll . . . added 5 million dollars to annual purchasing power in that town.

And today, said Mr. Carter, and I am quoting his words, "there is much more business activity in Laurel than in any other city of the same size in my area."

He made another observation . . . an observation I would suggest other newspaper publishers, who invariably attack labor unions, take to their bosom. He said and I quote again, "particularly, I know, there is more newspaper advertising carried in the local paper in Laurel than in other cities."

If these publisher . . . who all too often let their cash registers decide their editorial policy . . . were to realize that labor unions meant higher wage scales and more money spent in the stores, and more advertising in their newspapers, they might change their attitude. Stranger things than that have happened.

To sum the whole thing up in a few words we have seen a newspaper editor admit that where men and women are organized, and receive decent and respectable returns for their labor, tht the community in general prospers, including newspapers.

I wouldn't say the millennium has been reached, by any means, but it is encouraging to see those people say these things. For they are the truth!

This should awaken many people in the City of Toledo that organized labor in Toledo is making a gigantic contribution to the economic welfare of our city . . . to trade in the stores . . . to advertising indirectly . . . to manufacturing . . . to direct and indirect government taxing units . . . and yes, indirectly to the stabilizing of the wages of the unorganized who's wages pretty generally go up and down with the organized groups.

Most Senators Have Outside Income; For Whom Do They Work?

By Nathan Robertson

For Labor Press Association

WASHINGTON (LPA) — New evidence has been turned up on the need for legislation requiring members of Congress to disclose the sources of their outside income, so their constituent's can tell whose interests they are really representing.

The evidence is a survey, conducted by Edward A. Harris, noted Washington correspondent of the St. Louis Post-Dispatch, indicating that most Senators have income outside their government pay. Harris was interested primarily in finding out whether Senators were able to live on their government salaries of $12,500, plus $2,500 for expenses. Senators who replied to his questionnaire, 34 He found most of them were not. Of the 43 reported they had outside income.

Thirty-one had income from investments; 16 others from private business connections; 10 from legal fees; 10 from writing magazine articles; 14 from fees for speeches.

There's no reason, of course, why Senators and Congressmen should not get outside income. But it is quite possible that this outside income may influence their vote on public issues. That is why it has been suggested that they be required to publish annual reports on all outside income.

Senator Wayne Morse, liberal Republican from Oregon, has introduced a bill to require such reports from all members of Congress, and high officials of the executive agencies. Then the public could judge whether or not these officials were letting their pocketbooks influence their public actions.

Today there is no way to tell. One Senator, a few years ago, was loud in his criticism of the anti-trust laws and the way they were enforced. The public generally did not know he was connected with a big company being prosecuted by the anti-trust division for monopolistic practices.

Many Senators and Congressmen have private financial connections that may influence the way they vote. It is almost impossible today, however, to know what those connections or interests are. In only a few cases are they known. It is well known, for instance, that Senator Kerr (D, Okla.) currently pushing a bill to exempt the natural gas companies from control by the Federal Power Commission, has a big intreest in such gas properties. But no one knows how many other members of Congress have similar connections.

How many members of Congress today who are bitterly opposing the extension of rent control, or are fighting the middle income housing bill, have real estate connections or investments? Nobody knows. Yet disclosure of the facts might well show that many of the leading opponents of such legislation have a selfish interest in opposing them.

A few years ago when the insurance companies were pushing legislation to exclude them from the anti-trust laws, a survey discloses that many of the proponents of this legislation in Congress were connected with the insurance companies. They were insurance lawyers, or insurance agents, or had connections with insurance law firms, or were directors in insurance companies.

The scattered bits of evidence collected in recent years indicate that one of the most potent lobbies in Congress may be this "inside lobby" by members of Congress who have compromising private connections unknown to the public.

The information turned up by Harris of the Post-Dispatch indicates it is high time for an investigation of this situation. A Congressional committee should be created to find out how many Congressmen have outside income and where it comes from. The public has a right to know whether its Congressmen are working for them, or for someone else. No businessman would let one of his employes take pay from a competitor. Yet we have no idea how many of our Congressmen are doing just that.

Meanwhile, it probably would be a good idea to increase the salaries of members of Congress, so that they could live on their government pay.

Dixiecrat Votes Or FEPC Rankest Political Cynicism

WASHINGTON (LPA) — Now that the smoke has blown away, it's a good time to look at some of the significant features of the fight in the House over Fair Employment Practice legislation. Much more important that the fact that the toothless McConnell bill was rammed through are some developments that the reporters for the dailies, with their eyes on the immediate news breaks, have ignored.

Much has been made of the "split" in liberal ranks over whether to vote for the McConnell version of FEPC and thus get some kind of FEPC bill in the Senate. The division of opinion was over whether the McConnell bill was worse than no FEPC legislation at all. The feeling was that passage of the McConnell bill might make it that much harder to get a measure with enforcement powers if the voluntary measure became law, and then proved a sham. That was a tough decision to make, and sincere men voted their convictions. Labor and Negro organizations will respect their judgment, no matter how they voted on final passage.

The rankest public display of political cynicism in many a year, though, came when the Dixiecrats first voted early the morning of Feb. 23 to substitute the McConnell bill for the FEPC with teeth. A few strays who didn't vote with the Republican majority when the roll was called the first time were whipped into line and switched their votes before the tally was counted. With the honorable exception of Perkins of Kentucky, and Garmatz of Maryland, every single Congressman from south of the Mason-Dixon line voted to substitute the McConnell measure for the Administrations' bill.

And then, a few hours later, 109 of the southern Congressmen voted against the measure which they had supported.

They were not alone. A tough little core of reactionary Republicans who are to the right of even the present hard-shelled leadership, voted exactly the same as the men from Dixie did. Mark their names will.

Here are the 32 northern Republicans who voted with the 109 southern Democrats: California — Anderson and Jackson; Idaho — Sanborn; Illinois—Allen, Arends, Chiperfield, Church, Jenison, Reed, Simpson, Vursell; Iowa — Jensen; Kansas — Smith; Maine — Fellows, Hale; Massachusetts — Nicholson; Michigan--Bennett, Crawford, Hoffman, Shafer; Minnesota — Anderson, Andresen, O'Hara; Missouri — Short; Montana — D'Ewart; Nebraska — Curtis; New York — Kilburn, Reed, Taber; Ohio—Clevenger; Oregon—Stockman; Penna.—Simpson.

The two Republicans from Tennessee voted with the Democrats from that state, first to substitute the McConnell proposal for the FEPC with teeth, and then to reject the bill the next day.

Only four Democrats from border or northern states voted the Dixie line—Fernandez and Miles of New Mexico, Magee of Missouri, and Bolton of Maryland.

The fight now shifts to the Senate, where an FEPC bill will come up soon, to face the inevitable southern filibuster. The maneuvering will be just as tricky, and the performance of some of the Senators will be just as shameful. And the record made will be something to remember in November.

INSIDE AMERICA

(Written by the Staff of The CIO News)

CIO's new democratic electrical union—the IUE-CIO gave a sterling lesson on how to lick Communist infiltration into labor organizations. Workers at General Motors big electrical division—some 30,000 workers are employed there—voted 8-1 for the IUE-CIO and democratic unionism.

Victory was biggest — but neither first nor last — in chain of victories by IUE-CIO over expelled, discredited United Electrical Workers.

As chairman Jim Carey of IUE-CIO's administrative committee described it, GM vote "its simply the beginning of the end of Communist control over half - million men and women" in the industry.

And CIO President Philip Murray hailed IUE - CIO's showing as one of "most gratifying" in months.

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Other big elections in electrical industry are coming up in next couple of months. General Electric and Westinghouse vites will be decisive — and IUE-CIO expects to stay on winning track.

IUE-CIO won recently at Wagner Electric plant in St. Louis, by margin that surprised many observers. Just a few months ago, discredited leadership had carried that plant by 2-1. But when workers got true picture of the facts, they voted CIO. It's happened before, and it'll happen again.

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CIO, in fighting Commie infiltration of unions, has pointed out, time and again, that workers aren't engaged in red-baiting or witch-hunting.

That fact became clear when IUE-CIO and other unionists joined in recent Chicago civil rights conference, together with other democratic civil liberties groups.

Confab lashed out at "creeping paralysis of so-called loyalty discharges." Eight workers, in three different factories, have been fired for refusal to sign non-communist affidavits.

(IUE-CIO was sharp in its criticism of 'loyalty' firings —even though all eight workers are members of unaffiliated UE, with which CIO is battling.)

Said IUE-CIO spokesman: "We in the IUE have nothing to gain from purges for political belief. Such employers are borrowing from arsenal of Communism."

And Pat Greathouse, regional auto union official, put it this way: "We don't believe anyone has the right to take away a person's living because of race, color, religion or political belief."

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How childish can a corporation get to be?

Some Detroiters, looking at recent actions of Chrysler, say: "pretty childish!"

Chrysler, closed for weeks since it refused to meet union requests for decent pensions, did some phony arithmetic — then tried to hoodwink public into believing union had made 189 contract-change proposals.

Actually, union had 10 basic demands in its negotiations.

Then, Chrysler, acting peevish, said it wouldn't guarantee it would deduct Blue Cross and Blue Shield medical insurance premiums for March, when workers come back to jobs.

So UAW-CIO announced it'll make the payments for all Chrysler workers belonging to the health plans.

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Liberal Senator Kilgore (D.-W. Va.), entering Senate debate on liberalized displaced persons bill, made a timely observation.

Said Kilgore: Senate aid "would be blue with circumlocutions, charges, allegations, justifications, vigorous defenses, violent attacks — but when all the smoke has lifted, the issue simply remains: Do we want a fair and workable displaced persons law?"

Washington guessing is that Senate will vote such a law— but only after battle with Senator McCarran (D. Nev.). House has already passed bill ramoving bias written by 80th Congress into present law.

Here's way bills shape on present Congressional Calendar:

1. Oleomargarine tax: Dime a pound tax on colored oleo, small tax on white oleo is due for repeal. Final passage of repealer may come before you read this.

2. Rent control: Real estate lobby and Congressional friends are out with a meataxe to kill controls. Present law expires June 30; group of Senators hope to kill it off before then. They'd do it by refusing further money to U. S. rent control agency, except to give staff employes their terminal pay. If they succeed, your rent is apt to go up—plenty.

3. Natural gas: Utility lobby is pushing hard for Senate passage of Kerr Bill, which would cost gas consumers several million a year. Bill would loosen Federal Power Commission's regulation of rates for carrying natural gas across state lines. Effect of bill would be to raise those rates, and cost to ultimate consumers. House has already passed similar bill. There's a real danger here for consumers.

4. Civil rights toothless FEPC bill now in Senate, may not come up until April. Many Republicans, having helped remove effective privisions from bill, now will make great show of fighting for it in Senate.

5. Middle income housing: It's been approved by both Senate and House Committees; may face tough battles in debate; probably has better than even chance of passage.

6. Taft-Hartley repeal: Write your Senators and Congressmen on this one!

News and Gossip of Stage and Screen

Career Ahead

Nita Bieber, youthful dancer, is one of the recent additions to the roster of M-G-M's future stars. Miss Bieber was discovered while performing a specialty dance in the gay Technicolor musical, "Nancy Goes To Rio," now showing at Loew's Valentine.

Diana Lynn's Stand-In Given Important Role

Producer Fred Packard and Director Gordon Douglas got one of their leading players for the John Derek-Diana Lynn starrer, "Rogues of Sherwood Forest," right on the set yesterday. She is Fran Shore, stand-in for Miss Lynn, who has been cast in the important role of the milkmaid. Miss Shore has appeared as the daughter of Flo Ziegfeld and Billie Burke in "The Great Ziegfeld," and has acted many children's roles in films. In the years since she has been Miss Lynn's stand-in, however, she has refused most roles offered her, unless they came when they wouldn't interfere with her work with the diminutive pianist-star. This role won't interfere, because she will go on being Miss Lynn's stand-in while she plays it.

Visits Clinic To Learn About Role

HOLLYWOOD — Bill Bishop, who plays a medical supervisor of a clinic in Columbia's "The Killer That Stalked New York," spent a week getting expert briefing on his role. In company with Dr. Harold Mazur, District Health Official of the Hollywood-Wilshire Division of the Los Angeles Health Department, Bill made the rounds of Los Angeles clinics, carefully noting procedure.

Dorothy Malone, who plays Bishop's clinic nurse in the film, also made the rounds with Bill and Dr. Mazur.

Whatever It Is . . .

Ava Gardner has it, whatever the quality is that makes men suddenly short of breath, and sends male eyes popping back into their sockets. Currently to be seen in M-G-M's "East Side, West Side," the gorgeous Ava continues her non-stop flight to stardom.

Star Dust — Stage Screen Radio

By INEZ GERHARD

Wit the "Stop the Music" show growing and growing and growing, Bert Parks has become one of the most sought-after men in the country. Everybody, Bert says, wants to know the name of the Mystery Melody. People stop him in the street to ask what it is neighbors call him

BERT PARKS

t home. Or friends beg for "just a little hint." Between shows he tries to forge there is such a tune; he never talks about it at home, never mentions it to his wife. Since the program was launched he has passed along hundreds of thousands worth of prizes—and then gone happily home to his wife, his twin sons aged three, and his unlisted telephone.

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Hollywood civic groups have gone into a huddle, without fanfare, to form a committee which will pick writers, a producer and story properties for a radio program salnted to do a good public relations job for the film center.

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A rumr has been going around that the sponsor of "Curt Massey Time" was auditioning a show to replace it. Whereas their survey ratings top anything else the sponsor has ever had on the ir in that daytime spot, and Curt and Martha Tilton are set through April. And Curt is getting chuckles out of a fan letter saying "You sing like I think I sing in the bathtub!"

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Last July the censors in the Union of South Afric banned the magnificent "Home of the Brave" on the ground that "it might disturb the peace." For the first time the censorship board of Southern Rhodesia has reversed the censors' decision, but natives and children will be excluded from showings of the picture. United Artists engaged counsel to appeal the South African bn.

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The second annual "Toys for Tots" campaign, to provide Christmas toys for underprivileged children, sponsored jointly by Warner Bros. and the United States marine corps reserve, was officially launched by Virginia Mayo and Col. J. O. Brauer.

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Joan Crawford has four leading men in "The Victim." For some reason or other her kissing scenes with each one were filmed between Monday morning and Friday afternoon, on location at Palm Springs. And they do say that it was so hot at the famous resort that cold air blowers had to be turned on every take to lower the temperature enough to make it bearable.

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"Riders in the Sky" filled the air waves and Gene Autrey it into a Columbia picture, so nobody was surprised when the same thing happened to the ever-present "Mule Train." Sheila Livingston, who recently completed wor kin "The Cowboy and the Indians," with Autrey, plays the feminine lead; John Miljn and Robert Livingston have leading roles.

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Groucho Marx, of the CBS "You Bet Your Life," says the Marx brothers used to travel with their mother for half fare. Everything went well till a conductor found Harpo shaving and Groucho smoking a cigar.

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Vincent Sherman, never without a cigar in his mouth when he's directing Hollywood movies, had to revise his working habits while filming "The Hasty Heart" in London. Nobody can smoke on British sound stages—not even the boss.

John Payne will go on and on making Pine-Thomas pictures, evidently. After a sneak preview of "The Eagle and the Hawk" Pine and Thomas signed hi mfor three more films, to be made during the next three years.

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ODDS AND ENDS . . . The girl who has been dressing Barbara Stanwyck's hair for some 20 years is now wearing a mink coat, a present from Barbara..... Arthur Godfrey first used his "kid the commercial" style when he was handed a copy describing filmy lingerie . . . Loretta Young seems to be the favorite guest str on the "Lux Radio Theatre", with 22 appearances she's one ahead of Don Ameche and Fred McMurray. . . . . Arlene McQuade, "Rosalie," is knitting Xmas presents.

Italian Fishermen Aid "September" Shooting

HOLLYWOOD — Unforseen shooting problems which arose on the Italian location of Hal Wallis' "September Affair" compelled cameraman Victor Milner to improvise substitute methods on a number of occasions.

An example of emergency measures which were necessary during the filming occurred when Joan Fontaine and Joseph Cotten played a scene in the famed Blue Grotto of the island of Capri. The entrance to the grotto is barely wide enough to permit the passage of small boats and it was impossible to move the company's generator through the narrows so that the scene could be lighted.

Learning that Capri fishermen did must of their fishing at night, using powerful headlights attached to the bows of their boats to attract their finny quarry, Milner hit upon a plan. Twelve of the fishing boats were chartered an dplaced strategicly about the grotto. Their lights were switched on, providing the illumination Milner needed to shoot the scene.

Wendell Corey To Be Lead With Lana

HOLLYWOOD — Wendell Corey has been signed for leading male role in M-G-M's "A Life of Her Own," Lana Turner starring film.

Film, directed by George Cukor, with Voldemar Vetugin producing, rolls this week with Louis Calhern, Barry Sullivan, Jean Hagen, Tom Ewell and Phyllis Kirk in the cast.

Bogart Will Star Next In "Sirocco"

"Sirocco," Joseph Kessel's dramatic novel of the French Foreign Legion, will be Humphrey Bogart's next Santana production for Columbia. Robert Lord will produce. In the film, Bogart plays a veteran Legionnaire in Syria, a fabulous fighter who, because of a native dancing girl, comes into conflict with the commanding officer he greatly admires. Bogart's most recent Columbia picture, "In A Lonely Place," produced by Lord and directed by Nicholas Ray, with Gloria Grhame as feminine lead, is being edited and readied for scoring.

Star And Husband On Family Visits

HOLLYWOOD — Gloria Grahame and husband, director Nicholas Ray, left for New York by car as soon as Humphrey Bogart's "In A Lonely Place" was finished at Columbia. They stopped over first in Wisconsin to see Ray's family, then went north to Massachusetts to visit Miss Grahame's father. In New York, Ray will introduce his wife to Tony Ray, his son by a former marriage, who is there in school. They report back after the holidays, to RKO where both are under contract, and fro mwhich studio both were loaned for the Columbia picture.

Calendar Will Be Theme Of "Petty Girl" Finale

Dance director Gene Loring today starts rehearsals for the lavish litle production number for Columbia's Technicolor musical, "The Petty Girl," which co-stars Robert Cummings and Joan Caulfield. The number, one of the most spectacular ever filmed o nthe Gower Street lot, will utilize two sound stages which are being merged for the ensemble routines. Choreography is based on the Petty Calendar Girl theme, and is built about the 12 months of the year. Special effects of snow, sleet and rain are being worked out by the technical departments, to lend eye appeal and novelty to the spectacular finale.

Double-Header

Two O'Malley's, father and daughter, are currently working on the Columbia lot. Pat O'Malley, one of the top stars of the silent screen, has been set for a supporting role in the Ray Milland-Rosalind Russell co-starring comedy, "A Woman of Distinction." His red-haired daughter, Kathleen, has a part in the Eddie Quillan-Wally Vernon two-reeler, "Let Down Your Aerial."

Two Heavies Set For Western

Don Harvey was set yesterday as the heavy lead in Columbia's "Trail of the Rustlers," Charles Starrett-Smiley Burnette starrer which Ray Nazarro is directing and Colbert Clark producing. At the same time Myron Healey was signed as one of Harvey's henchmen in the latest of the popular "Durango Kid" series.

Schilling-Lane Comedy In Production At Columbia

An untitled Gus Schilling-Richard Lane two-reeler comedy, first in the comics 1949-50 series for Columbia, went into production yesterday with Jules White producing-directing. Others in the cast are Margie Liszt, Joan Willes, Joe Palma, Ruth Godfrey, Tim Ryan, Charles Gomora and Johnny Marlin.

Staub Will Shoot Burnette At Fair

Smiley Burnette, Columbia Pictures Western comic, will be the subject of a forthcoming Screen Snapshot. Producer Ralph Staub will take a camera crew with him to the Stockton Fair, where Smiley is headlining the grandstand show Oct. 8 and 9, and will photograph the singing cowboy amid all the trappings and excitement of the county fair.

Suzanne Dalbert Set For "Mark Of Gorilla"

Suzanne Dalbert was set by Columbia yesterday for a top featured role in "Mark of the Gorilla," current "Jungle Jim" film starring Johnny Weissmuller. At the same time Robert Purcell and Pierce Lyden were named for the top heavy spots. Sam Katzman produces and William Berke directs. Miss Dalbert, who recently appeared at Paramount in "The Accused," will play a native princess searching for a fabulous treasure stolen from her country.

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IN THIS CORNER with E. C. "RED" MAC DONALD

IT'S PAY-OFF time tonight in the spacious Chicago Stadium. Thirty-two of the nation's finest amateur boxers will tangle for weight titles in the 23rd Golden Gloves Tournament finals.

Just 32 boys, a mere handful of the more than 300 who started the Windy City show Feb. 27. These select 32 have battled their way into the championship picture by defeating the best from every district in the country.

Two of this elite figure are members of the Toledo team and considered excellent possibilities for bringing the city its first national Golden Gloves Championship.

The pair, Ples Gilmore and Jesse Brown, must win two fights tonight to accomplish the feat. Gilmore, clever moving featherweight, is making his first Chicago appearance this year. The savage-punching Brown was a member of the Toledo squad last year but did not reach the finals.

Brown pulled the upset of the tournament when he defeated Wesbury Bascom of St. Louis. Bascom won the light heavyweight title last year and was a top-heavy favorite to repeat.

AT THIS WRITING the Toledo team is in fifth place in the tournament with 15 victories. Wins by Gilmore and Brown tonight could make the squad a contender for team honors.

This year, as in the past, the local team put on a great show in Chicago. None of the eight Toledo boys lost an opening bout. Quite remarkable when you consider these fighters are all area or district champions.

A few more breaks and the Toledo team could have had at least four members in the championship finals tonight. Many ringside observers believed Carman Williamson, local flyweight, would have won the title if he hadn't suffered an eye injury.

At any rate the Toledo boys proved that local amateur boxing is on the par or better than any in the country.

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SELECTION OF Bob Snyder to lead the University of Toledo football fortunes next season has met with approval in all quarters. Snyder, a standout while performing with Chip Houser's Libbey High School teams back in the early 30's, is indeed a welcome addition to the university athletic set-up.

Although lack of material may limit Snyder's coaching tactics, it is a certainty the Rockets will be using the latest of college football tricks. The new mentor's announcement that he may use an 8-man line on offense is just a sample of what can happen.

Successful or not, next falls Toledo team will provide enjoyable entertainment for all. And with a little luck will win more than they lose as Coach Frank Leahy has said so many times before an undefeated Notre Dame season.

The Axe For Your Camping Trip

A sharp one—always handled with care, like a loaded gun, but capable of doing it's job well.

Some like a long and some like a short handle. This is a matter of choice, as also is the weight and whether single or double bitted. Some think the double bitted axe affords a sharp edge for some work and a blunt one for grubbing, slashing brush or the like. The double bitted axe is no tool for the novice.

In any event, be sure your axe is furnished with a case which is put on when it is not in use. An axe standing against a tree or laying in the grass or leaves can split open the foot that strikes it.

3 Basketball Games On Tap At Arena Mar. 17

The fabulous Harlem Globetrotters basketball team will be back at the Toledo Sports Arena, Friday night, March 17th in a feature game with the New York Celtics.

Originally scheduled as part of a double header attraction with the Philadelphia Sphas playing the Toledo Mercurys in the opening setto, the Arena management have added a third game and have set the starting time up to seven o'clock.

The Chicago Stags and the St. Louis Bombers of the National Basketball Association will play one of their regularly scheduled league games as part of the basketball carnival. The Stags, one of the 'hottest" teams in the Central division of the league, boast of a season record of better than .600 and have on their roster such stars as Leo Barnhorst, formerly of Notre Dame, Andy Phillips, of Illinois, Kleggie Hermsen, of Minnesota, Kenny Rollins, Kentucky U, Odie Spears, of Western Kentucky and Max Zaslowski and Stan Miasek, both of whom have been chosen on the league's all star team the past two seasons.

The Globetrotters, since their appearance in Toledo last November have dropped only a single game, that to the Minneapolis Millers. This is the only loss the entire season and the 236 defeat against more than 3400 victories and one tie in the 23 years of play.

The Globetrotters personnel include Goose Tatum, Sweetwater Clifton, Marques Haynes, Elmer Robinson, Babe Pressley, Jump Wilson, Bobby Milton and Clarence Wilson.

The first game will be between the Sphas and the Toledo team, the sesond between the St. Louis Bombers and the Chicago Stags while the Celtic-Globetrotter affair slated as the nightcap.

Tickets are on sale at B. R. Bakers, and the Sports Arena box office. The prices are: $1.00, $1.25, $1.50 and $2.00.

Slaughter Of The Boars

Hunting in East Prussia, the Archduke Ferdinand of Austria set a shameful record for big-game slaughter when he killed 99 boars in a single day. Kaiser Wilhelm II of Germany killed about 3,500 of the animals in the course of his hunting career. But the champion slaughterer of them all was the 17th century Elector of Saxony, John George; in 40-odd years of hunting he killed 31,902 tuskers, while his son bagged 22,298.

Did you know that: Dale Mitchell for the second year in a row has accounted for over 200 hits in the 1949 baseball season.

Did you know that: the only race that Broker's Tip won in his whole career, was the Kentucky Derby.

Do you know that: In Inland waters ice fisherman may use no more than two holes 2½ feet wide.

Bucks Open Playoffs Wed. Night

For the third consecutive year in organized hockey, the Toledo Buckeyes won their league championship and are striving for added honors. Their 6-2 victory over the Atlantic Sea Gulls at the Sports Arena Saturday night, clinched the Eastern Hockey League title.

It was the first year for the Buckeyes in this oldest hockey league in U.S. competition. The last two years they won the International League championship.

Wednesday night, March 8th, at the Sports Arena, the Bucks opened the western division playoffs against Milwaukee and will play the Clarks again at Toledo on Sunday night. The winner of the western division will meet the winner of the eastern division for the right to represent the league in the National Senior championships.

The Buckeyes hold an edge in games won and goals scored over the Clarks during the league season but the Milwaukee team has been greatly strengthened and after a slow start, proved the undoing of the Grand Rapids team which had dominated the league from the start until overtaken by the Buckeyes.

Grand Rapids will not finish its regular season until late this week and will enter the western division playoffs with a game at the Sports Arena on Wednesday, March 15th.

The Animal World

Smallest of the Heron Tribe, the Least Bittern can compress it's bulk amazingly! Audubon found one that could pass between two books set just an inch apart.

Herons collect during the nesting season in large colonies called Heronies. All but the Green Heron or Shitepoke. The latter leads a lonely life, only seldom settling down near others of its kind.

Largest and heaviest of all animals, present or past, is the Sulphur-bottom or Blue Whale. Specimens are said to have measured 103 feet long, weighed 47 tons. They cruise at 12 miles an hour, hit 50 in spurts.

If you are looking for fish, keep an eye peeled for feeding gulls. The birds are eating small fry chased to the surface by larger fish. Below the Gull's victims are the one's you're after.

Do you know that; Michigan State college has now added hockey to its 1949-50 sports calendar.

Cleveland's Rookie Crop

A rookie field better balanced than any since before the war and numbering numerous hopefuls who'll come up with a flock of minor league batting and pitching laurels will enliven the Ameriian League spring training season opening March 1 in Florida, Arizona and California conditioning bases.

Battles for regular posts will be common, with the Cleveland Indians likely to come up with with the biggest,, pound-wise, in the scrap for the Tribal first base job, held down capably last season by Mickey Vernon, a six-foot, two-inch veteran weighing around the 190 mark. Ganging up on on Vernon and the initial sack will be Luke Easter, six-feet four and one-half inches tall and weighing 235, and Herb Conyers, 25 pounds lighter but a half-inch taller than Luke. Easter hit .363 for San Diego last season and Conyers batted .355 for Oklahoma City, the .355 being good enough to win Herbie the Texas league batting crown.

At third base, the Indians will welcome a determined bid for Ken Keltner's old job from Al Rosen, up from San Diego with a .319 bat mark, while among the pitching hopefuls much attention will be given Harold Saltzman, winner of 23 games for Portland last season.

Vaughn Monroe At Sports Arena

Vaughan Monroe, star of the Camel Show, with his orchestra and entertainers will be at the Sports Arena for one nite only, Sunday, March 19th. With the Monroe group will be Ziggy Talent, June Hiett the Moonmaids and the Moonmen, Earle Hummel, Jay Lawrence, Dick Haymen, Joan Holloway and others.

Starting Tuesday, March 28th and through Sunday, April 2nd, the Skating Vanities will be at the Sports Arena with its cast of 140 skating stars and champions. It will be the final appearance of this famed skating show in the United States until next season. The entire cast will sail on April 6th for engagemets in England, France and Switzerland.

Do you know that; Elmer Ray has whipped both Ezzard Charles and Jersey Joe Walcott. He beat Charles in 1947 and Walcott in 1946.

Tid Bits From The Sports Desk

By NORM MEYERS

TWENTY-FIVE years ago in March Tommy Armour, ex-amateur golf champ of Scotland, took the Florida West Coast Open with 289 at St. Petersburg.

Jimmy Slattery, Buffalo middleweight, scored a second round kayo over Augie Ratner in their bout at Boston, Mass.

On the 17th Infantry Armory track in Buffalo, New York, Paavo Nurmi of Finland clipped one and two-fifths seconds from Lloyd Hahn's world record for the mile. Nurmi was timed in 4:12. Bobby Walthour and Freddie Spencer won the last six-day bike race held in the old Madison Square Garden at Madison Square in New York City.

Norm Meyers

Joe Moore of New York City successfully defended his international indoor speed skating championship by scoring a total of 150 points in a two-night meet in Pittsburgh.

GAME SHORTS

Bear Bell-ringer—Fred Davis, of Rockford, Tenn. heard his doorbell ring, upon opening the door, he found himself face to face with a bear. He closed the door much quicker than he had opened it.

Monster Bear — A party guided by Hack Smithdeal, Johnson City, Tenn., killed a black bear near Elizabethtown, N. C. last December. which may have been the largest of its kind on record. The bear weighed 558 pounds, and it took two hours for the hounds hounds to bring him to bay.

Hibernating Bear — Edward Homier, L'Anse, Mich. while hunting last November felt the ground give way beneath his feet. One foot touched a soft object and Homer heard a growl. He pulled his foot free and the growling continued. He shot into the opening and upon lighting a match and looking inside he found he had killed a 250-lb. bear.

Albino Deer—A. W. Hough, conservation officer, West Virginia, reported to state Conservation Commission last December of a herd of five albino deer seen — two spike bucks and three does. One doe had a fawn by her side. Jack Fitzpatrick killed an albino deer while hunting north of Bathurst, N.B. last season.

Hunting Made Easy—A New Jersey doctor, sick in bed on opening day of recent deer season, heard a noise and upon looking out of his bedroom window saw a fine buck in his backyard. He got his gun and shot the buck, and returned to his bed.

SPORTS SHORTS

80,000 baseball fans watched a game between the touring San Francisco Seals and the Japanese All-Stars last year in Japan. The Seals won 21.

Carl Hubbell who pitched an 18 inning, 1-0 shutout against the St. Louis Cardinals in 1933, did not issue a single base on balls.

Baseball umpire Bill Stewart, once manager-coach of the Chicago Black Hawks ice hockey team, was the first American-born manager to win a Stanley Cup. He did it in the 1937-1938 season.

In March 1941, Ken Silvestri of the New York Yankees hit a home run in an exhibition game against Cincinnati at Tampa, Florida, that officially measured 538 feet.

FRESHMAN ROOKIE SAM JETHROE

Every spring dozens of bright prospects make their apperance in big league training camps. Among these young hopefuls is Sam Jethroe who is tabbed as most likely to succeed. He was purchased by the Boston Braves who gave the Montreal club approximately $100,000 for his services. Since Montreal is owned by the Brooklyn club, the experts are inclined to question the wisdom of the Dodgers in trading off their prize farm hand. Or they might believe that Sam is not as good as his press notices indicate. But international League observers insist that Sam is ready for the Majors. He takes into the Majors a batting average of .328, but his greatest assest is his speed. Jethroe negotiated 89 thefts last season. He defeated Barney Ewell last spring in a 75 yard dash. Barney you will remember is an Olympic sprinter. Sam who is 29 the same age as Jackie Robinson when he broke into the majors is expected to have an equally spectacular future.

For Better Hunting And Fishing Organize A Sportsman Club

To promote conservation and ensure better fishing and hunting for all, sportsmen must work together. If you don't have a club in your community, why not organize one? You will find many who are eager to join.

As a service to its readers, OUTDOOR LIFE offers a special handbook, "How to Form a Sportsman Club." This authoritative and informative guide was prepared by Frank J. Valgenti, attorney, spokesman, and chairman of the Fish and Game Council of the State of New Jersey. It tells you all you need to know to get the organization started and to keep it going—how to prepare a certificate of incorporation, and plan programs of activities for the various committees.

"How to Form a Sportsman's Club" is made available to all interested groups or individuals at a cost of only 10 cents to cover handling and mailing. To obtain a copy, simply write to Sportsman Servise, utdoor Life, 353 Fourth Ave., New York and enclose 10 cents in stamps or coin.

For The Beginner

A ferrule is a metal socket and plug which, when fitted together on the joining ends of rod sections assemble the rod. Their purpose is to facilitate transportation. The metal plug is called the male, and the socket is called the female ferule. Ferules are measured in 64ths of an inch, the general range being fom 9/64 to ½ inch.

A false cast (also called air cast) is one that is made in the air in which neither the fly nor the line touch the water. This cast is made in fly fishing to dry the fly or vary the length of the line. An expert can also use the false cast in order to change direction.

Their Mistake

ST. IGNACE, Feb. 2 — Two hounds which make no distinction between a tomcat and a bobcat are getting a briefing on the fine points by one red-faced local hunter.

Conservation officer Ray Walker reports the hunter, unidentified, bent on getting his first bobcat, found a fresh track a short walk from his home. Cutting loose his highly regarded hounds, the chase started.

Shortly after the two dogs were barking "tree." When the chagrined hunter caught up, he found the dogs barking at the kitchen door of a relative's home — and a tame tomcat spitting at the hounds from the roof.

Mark Those Fishing Holes

LANSING — Open fishing holes can result in dunking or more serious mishaps, the conservation department cautions fishermen.

When fresh snow covers abandoned cuttings, especially on more extensively used southern Michigan lakes, the winter angler will find it difficult to detect weak ice.

Winter fishermen also should be on the alert for thin crusts which form after commercial ice harvesters have finished work.

Good practice is to place a marker in a hole when abandoned. Large stick would serve the purpose if placed in the hole so that it shows above the snow.

Do you know that; Howard Jones' football teams won five, and lost none in the Rose Bowl.

Do you know that; the German word for bowling pin is "Keil," meaning a pin or wedge and is from the same deriviation as "Kegel," which means bowl? The German also refers to a bowler as a "Kegler."

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Surface Defeat Scales To Tie For Local Lead

Spicer Loses To Auto-Lite In A Well Played Game

Monday nights games in the Local 12 basketball leagues provided some of the most exciting contests seen this year. Three of the games were in doubt as to the winner until the final whistle.

In the American League and in the feature game of the evening Surface Combustion outlasted the Toledo Scales 54 to 53. It was a close game all the way with Gub Pinciotti's last minute bucket deciding the game. Barney Baset with 19 counters for the victorious Surface team was high man for both clubs. Bernie Rumis was the spark that kept the Scales in the running with 15 points. The Surface team as a result of their win are now in a first place tie with Toledo Scales.

In another hotly contested affair Auto Lite No. 1 managed to overcome a last two minute lead held by Spicer to win 55 to 49. Auto Lite's Joe Horvath with 16 ringers led both teams. Some of his points scored in the last few minutes of the game were the difference between victory and defeat. Bill Holewinski's 14 for the losers wasn't quite enough to hold the lead.

In the other games, National Supply, who scored one of the major upsets of the season last week when they defeated Spicer, just didn't have enough on the ball to overcome a determined Willys team. Score: Willy Overland 37, National Supply 21. Frank Hulbik again led his teammates with 11 points. Dick Bishop paced the losers with 6.

Doehler Jarvis drew a bye and will see action next Monday.

Fans who watched the play in the National loop were also treated to some fine basketball. Plaskon and Industrial Heat Treat tangled in a thriller, with Plaskon holding off a determined Heat Treat team to win 40 to 39. It was a tight game all the way and the outcome was not decided until the final minute of the game. Marv Blankly proved to be the spark needed to win, by ringing 15 points. Paul Meyers, of the losers, tried his hardest with 12 counters but was short of the mark.

In the opening contest of this league Martin Parry maintained their supremacy by chalking up their 9th straight victory at the expense of American Floor Surfacing. Glen Valentine, of Martin Parry, with 11 points proved to be the guy with the eye for his team. Dick Rivilli with 6 paced his losing teammates.

In the final game in the loop Auto Lite No. 2 maintained their second place standing by defeating the CIO Club 50 to 32. Art Cherry popped in 17 points to lead both teams in scoring.

Local 12 Basketball League Standings

AMERICAN LEAGUE		
Surface Combustion	6	2
Toledo Scales	6	2
Willys Overland	5	3
Spicer	4	4
Doehler Jarvis	3	4
Auto Lite No. 1	2	5
National Supply	1	7
NATIONAL LEAGUE		
Martin Parry	9	0
Auto Lite No. 2	8	1
Plaskon	5	4
Ind Heat Treat	3	6
American Floor	1	8
CIO Club	1	8

Local 12 Basketball Schedule Mon., Mar. 13

AMERICAN LEAGUE

Willys-Overland vs Spicer —7 p.m.
National Supply vs Auto-Lite No. 1—9 p.m.
Toledo Scale vs Doehler—8 p.m.
Surface Combustion Bye

NATIONAL LEAGUE

Martin-Parry vs Auto-Lite No. 2—7 p.m.
Ind. Heat Treat vs CIO Club—8 p.m.
Plaskon vs American Floor—9 p.m.

How To De-Skunk Your Dog

Doubtless many hunters have been faced with the problem as to what to do when their dog becomes involved with a skunk. They may like to know how to get rid of the skunk odor, which has always been considered practically impossible to eliminate.

Use a bottle or two of the commercial odor killers, the kind you put in a room to kill the smell of cooking, stale tobacco, and so on. This will do the trick, even though the dog has been sprayed effectively at close quarters.

Make a bed for the dog in your basement when you bring him home and place a bottle on a stool near his bed. You will be surprised to learn that not only will the house be free of the odor but the dog as well.

Short Shorts

The young elk is called a calf, the young deer a fawn, and the young antelope a kid.

The porcupine connot "shoot" his quills. His defense consists of erecting his quills and striking a strong sidewise blow with his tail.

The "demon of the seas" is the killer whale or Orca. It has the appetite of a hog, the cruelty of a wolf, the courage of a bulldog and the most terrible jaws afloat.

Anger or hunger will make fish bite, but when they are full they will take no more for irregular periods of time. Their appetites vary from day to day, season to season.

Bears are like people. They walk with their feet flat on the ground. Their heels are naked except the Polar Bear's. He wears stiff-haired brushes on the soles of his paws for a non-skid grip on slippery ice.

A dog has plenty of friends because he wags his tail instead of his tongue.

Can They Do It This Year?

Spectacular performers for the past three seasons, the Detroit Red Wings face the closing days of the National Hockey League schedule with only one thing uppermost in their minds —to win the Stanley Cup. They have won every honor except this one under Tommy Ivans leadership. In the 197-48 season, the first under Ivan, the team finished in second place, and Ivan was selected by the hockey fans in an all-star poll as the first team coach. The Red Wings gained the National League Championship last year and their captain and center, Syd Abel, topped the circuit in goal scoring, was placed on the first all-star team and was named the leagues' most valuable player. Jack Stewart, a defence man, made the first all-star team, while two wingmen, Gordon Howe and Ted Lindsay were chosen on second all-star squad. As finishing touch, Bill Quackenbush, another defence player won the Lady Byng trophy for sportsmanship in addition to being named to the first all-star team. All except Quackenbush, who was traded to Boston, are back making life miserable for the opposition.

Skittering For Pickerel

If properly practiced, skittering is very productive, and you can use an ordinary bamboo cane pole effectively. A piece of stout line is attached to the top, and it should be 15 feet or more if your pole is about 12 or 14 feet in length. The best lure is a spinner, and attached to the hook there should be a piece of pork rind, perch or pickerel belly, cut in the form of a triangle. The pectoral fins of a perch with a strip of belly left on is a good skittering bait. Cast your lure in the same way you would cast a fly or any other lure, along the edge of weed beds or lily pads. By moving the pole in short jerks you can give a life-like movement to the lure that will attract the fish.

Do you know that Class C baseball players average $200 per month.

Casters Using Lighter Reels

During the past three years Skish target casting has grown rapidly. Much of this growth can be credited to fishermen who are interested in learning better casting as an aid to better fishing. Due to a lack of fish today, we must be a better caster, and to be a better caster we must have better equipment. Through Skish many fishermen have learned the finer points of casting as well as the technicalities involved in buying proper equipment. Through the Skishermen many anglers have learned the value of these faster starting easier controlled reels. To compete with these target casters one must have equipment that rates on a par with the best. When we refer to the best we do not mean the highest priced. The best reels made today for bass fishing and target casting under the rules of the National Skish Board are far from what we may call expensive. In fact, the price range of the light weight reels falls in the lower brackets.

Fishermen and Skishermen wishing to make long casts can do so with these light reels and do it far better than with any other type. Even the youngsters using these reels have made casts beyond a measured 200 foot mark. Not with what may be called a tournament line, but with one suitable for actual fishing. The National tournament record for men being 232 feet, more than three times the distance neded for general fishing. Yet this record was made with a stock reel that is available at a moderate price.

If You Get Hung Up

Getting "hung up" on a stream bank, bush or tree is something that happens now and then even to the most expert fly caster. Next time it happens to you, don't waste effort (and risk breaking your leader) by yanking on the line or thrashing your rod around. There's a much easier and more effective method.. Point your rod at the fly, and carefully gather in the slack until there is a gentle pull on the fly. Now give your rod one or two brisk taps with the side of your hand, about 18 in. above the grip. Almost always the fly will be released without damage.

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